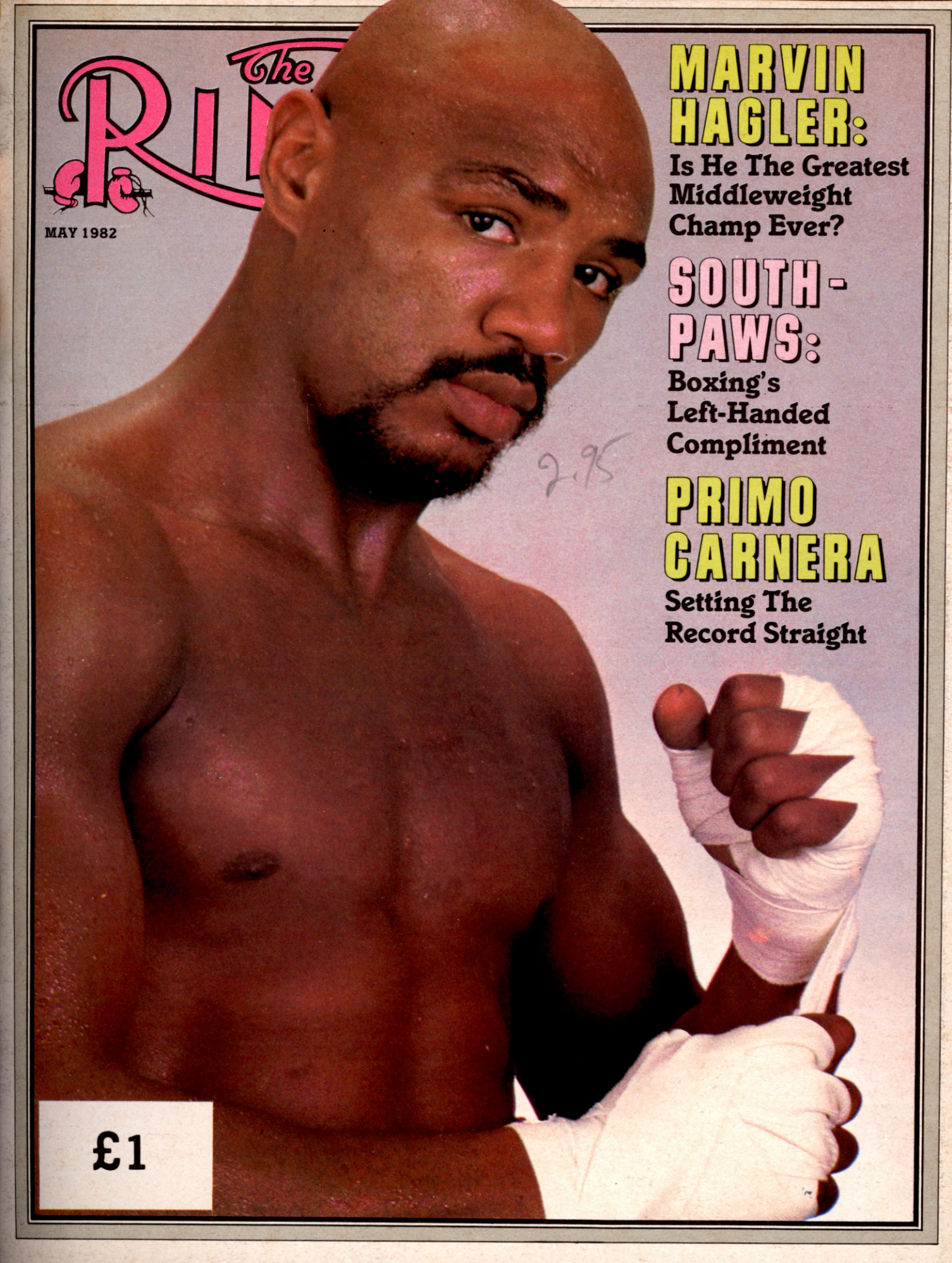
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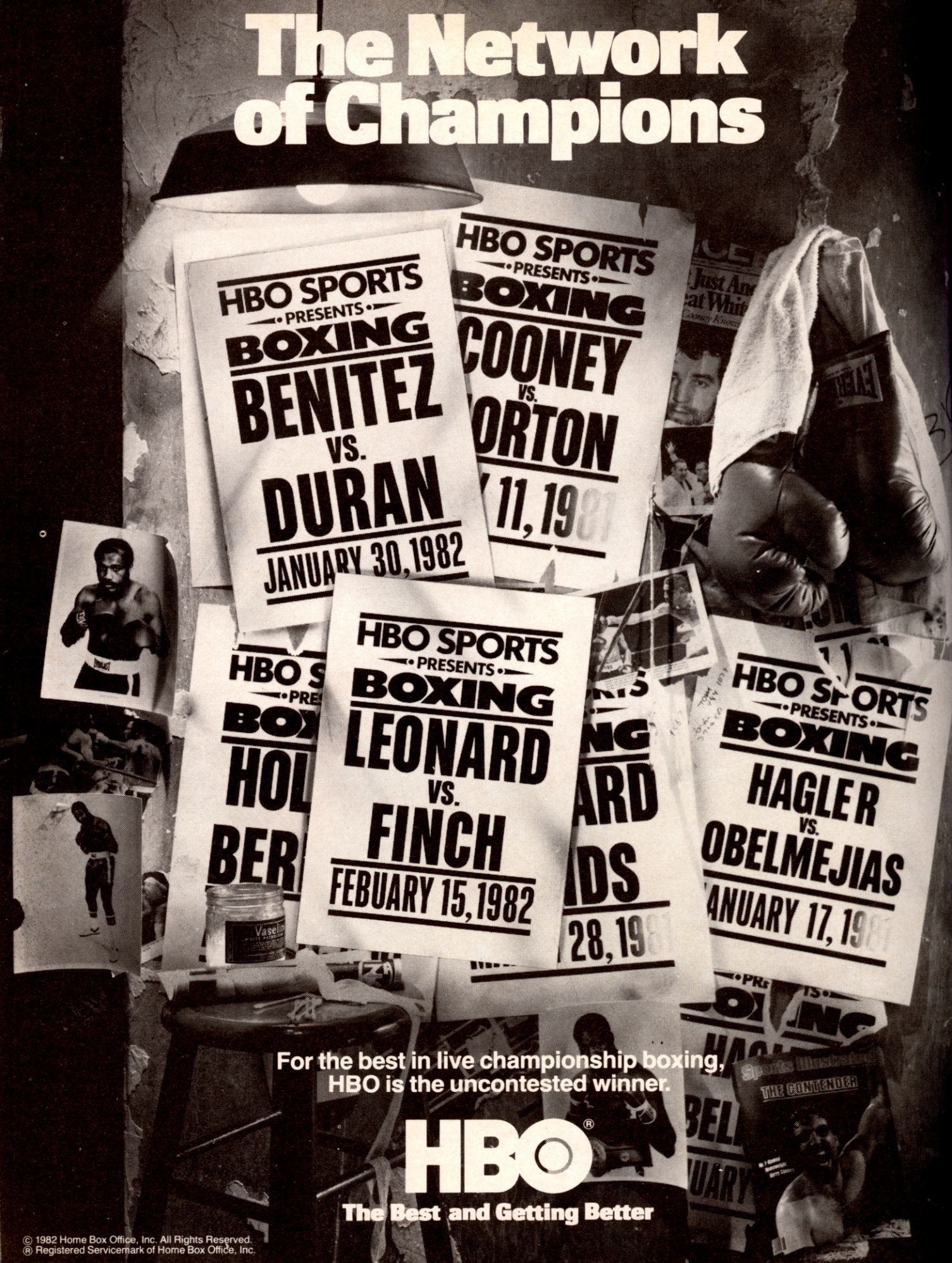

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SALVADOR SANCHEZ

Born, February 3, 1958, Santiago Tianquistenco, Mexico. Weight, 126 lbs. Height, 5 ft. 7 in.

1975			
May	4—Al Gardeno, Veracruz	KO	3
May	25—Miguel Ortiz, Misantla	KO	3
Aug.	10—Victor Martinez, Misantla	KO	2
Oct.	19—Cesar Lopez, Misantla	KO	4
Nov.	25—Candido Sandoval, Mexico City	KO	8
Dec.	11—Fidel Trejo, Mexico City	W	8
1976			
Jan.	24—Juan Granados, Mexico City	KO	3
Feb.	25—Javier Solis, Mexico City	KO	7
Mar.	31—Serafin Pacheco, Mexico City	KO	4
Apr.	24—Jose Chavez, Mexico City	KO	7
May	26—Fidel Trejo, Mexico City	KO	6
July	5—Pedro Sandoval, Mexico City	KO	9
Aug.	11—Joel Valdez, Mexico City	KO	9
Oct.	31—Saul Montana, Nuevo Laredo	KO	9
Dec.	25—Antonio Leon, Mexico City	KO	10
1977			
Feb.	5—Raul Lopez, Mexicali	KO	10
Mar.	12—Daniel Felizardo, Mexico City	KO	5
May	21—Rosalio Badillo, Mexico City	KO	5
Sept.	9—Antonio Becerra, Mazatlan (For Vacant Mexican Bantamweight Title)	L	12
Nov.	11—Jose Luis Soto, Los Mochis	W	10
Dec.	3—Eliseo Cosme, Mexico City	W	10
1978			
Apr.	15—Juan Escobar, Los Angeles	D	10
July	1—Jose Sanchez, Mexico City	W	10
Aug.	13—Hector Cortez, Mazatlan	KO	7
Sept.	26—Francisco Ponce, Houston	KO	2
Nov.	21—Edwin Alarcon, San Antonio	KO	9
Dec.	16—Jose Santana, Mexico City	KO	2
1979			
Feb.	3—Carlos Mimila, Mexico City	KO	3
Mar.	13—James Martinez, San Antonio	W	10
May	19—Salvador Torres, Mexico City	KO	7
June	17—Fel Clemente, San Antonio	W	12
July	22—Rosalio Muro, San Luis Potosi	KO	3
Aug.	7—Felix Trinidad, Houston	KO	5
Sept.	25—Richard Rozelle, Los Angeles	KO	3
Dec.	15—Rafael Gandarilla, Guadalajara	KO	5
1980			
Feb.	2—Danny Lopez, Phoenix (Won World Featherweight Title)	KO	13
Apr.	12—Ruben Castillo, Tucson (Retained World Featherweight Title)	W	15
June	21—Danny Lopez, Las Vegas (Retained World Featherweight Title)	KO	14
Sept.	13—Patrick Ford, San Antonio (Retained World Featherweight Title)	W	15
Dec.	13—Juan LaPorte, El Paso (Retained World Featherweight Title)	W	15
1981			
Mar.	22—Roberto Castanon, Las Vegas (Retained World Featherweight Title)	KO	10
July	11—Nicky Perez, Inglewood	W	10
Aug.	21—Wilfredo Gomez, Las Vegas (Retained World Featherweight Title)	KO	8
Dec.	12—Pat Cowdell, Houston (Retained World Featherweight Title)	W	15

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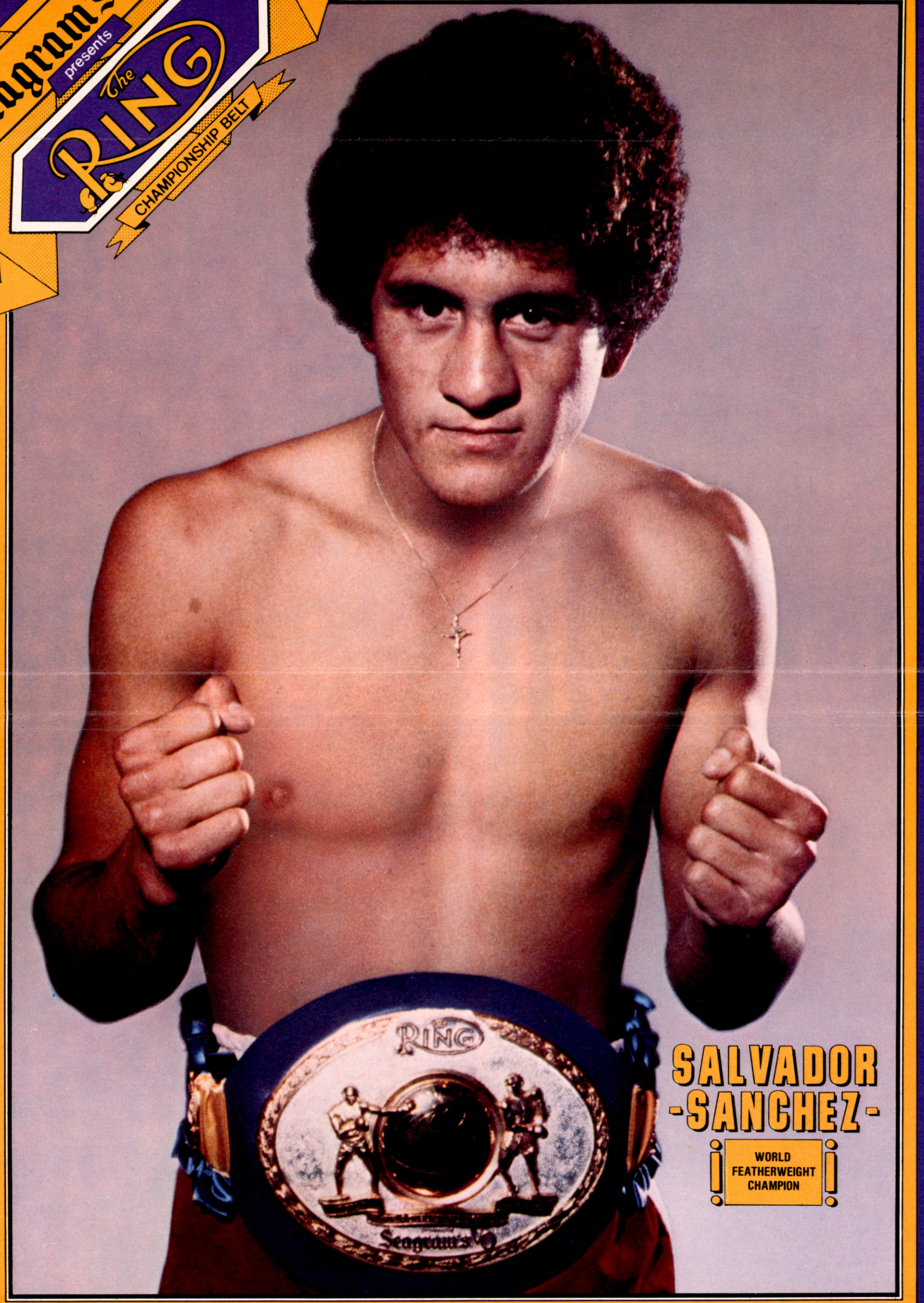

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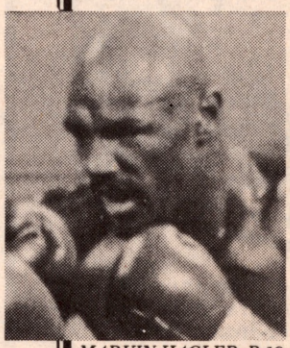

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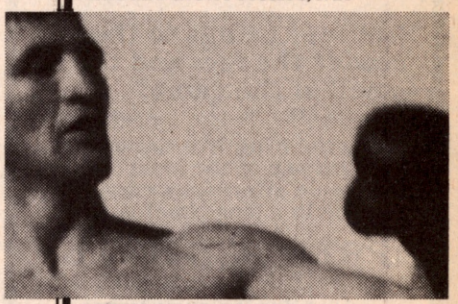

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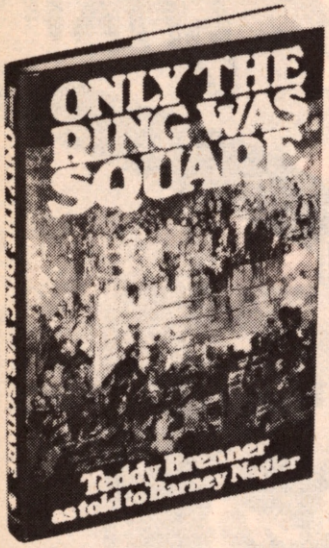

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ONCE UPON A TIME, BACK IN THE PRE-Cable days of TV, a Detroit television station aired a Sunday morning gospel program, complete with minister who read viewers' letters on the air, taking care to display the donations clipped to each and every one. Then he looked into the cameras and said earnestly, "And now, my dear Funds . . ."

That minister is long since gone, but his place has been taken by the WBA and the WBC who still look to television as their horn of plenty, and, through television's largess, can come into your living room and address you as their "dear Funds," 'cause that's exactly what you are. And will be as long as TV pays their freight and passes it along to every advertiser willing to get their message across to you, and incorporate that cost in their product. In the end, you pay for the mismatches, the sanctioning fees, and the poor ratings. And pay heavily.

Time was when TV devoured boxing in huge bites, putting on shows at least five days a week in various sections of the country in pre-coaxial cable days and twice a week on network TV when TV went coast-to-coast. And boxing went the way of Red Buttons, Milton Berle and J. Fred Muggs. Burned out, used up by the all-pervasive 23"-eye of television.

Boxing has now made a comeback, using television the way television once used boxing. But it has begun to get less selective. And the fault, dear Brutus, lies not in the stars, but in the so-called sanctioning bodies who will sanction a bar brawl as a championship bout if they can get TV's endorsement. And monies. TV, operating under that time-honored practice that it has to make every moment the viewer is watching *their* channel the most important moment of his, or her, life, tends to the spectacular. Hence, the word "Championship" as a cachet before any bout is an open sesame, or so the reasoning goes, for greater viewership. Thus, regardless of the mismatch, the networks tend to go for the championship fight, more often than not.

Now, finally the vice presidents who run boxing along TV row—and remember, Fred Allen once said of network vice presidents, "If they melted down the heart of a network vice president they could put it in the navel of a gnat and still have enough room left over for a 15% commission"—seem to have wised up. Mort Sharnick, over at CBS, turned down the theoretic "Championship" fight between Sean O'Grady and Andy Ganigan as a championship fight, running it, instead, as a fight-fight. And now, Jim Spence, over at ABC sports, has gotten the spirit and recently turned down the WBA's pathetic offering of a championship bout between Marvin Hagler and Fulgencio Obelmejias—a move which forced the WBA to turn tail and run, compromising their low-held standards and accepting the Hagler-Hearns fight as being for "their" portion of the unified middleweight championship.

Maybe, just maybe, television is getting the religion. For they, not those two mock turtle groups known as the WBA and the WBC, are the powers-that-be in boxing. And they must do something to govern those ungovernable groups, otherwise, they will once again kill the goose that lays the golden bouts. Better they should kill the WBA and the WBC.

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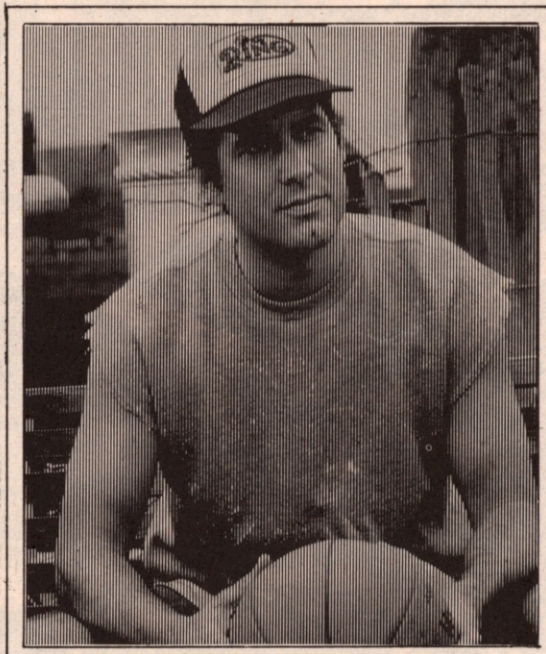

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ROUND ONE

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ON A RECENT SATURDAY AFTERnoon Wilfredo Gomez and Jeff Chandler successfully defended their crowns, the Junior Featherweight and Bantamweight titles, respectively. Both fights ended at exactly 2:28 of the 6th round, one helluva quinella. The following Monday thousands of boxing fans-cum-policy players used those three digits to hit the numbers, big.

PURSUIT OF A CAREER

THE NIGHT BEFORE BOBBY Chacon was scheduled to meet Salvador Ugalde in a 10-round junior lightweight bout at Sacramento, California, his wife, Valorie, called him, and pleaded with him to give up his ring career. Chacon protested, telling her he'd "quit in my next loss or within a year . . . whichever came first." Apparently that fell far short of satisfying Valorie, the 31-year-old mother of their three children, who shot herself to death after hanging up the phone.

Beset with grief, the former WBC Featherweight Champion determined to continue with the bout, because "it was the only way I could keep my mind together . . . I just wanted to get this thing over with, go home and hug my kids." Chacon proceeded to fight like a man possessed, dropping Ugalde with a right in the second round and again in the third before the referee stopped the bout.

After the fight Chacon acknowledged that "I've got to keep on fighting, to go through with my career." And then the heart-broken boxer added, "I'm going to treat boxing like another marriage."

THE IMPORTANT THING WAS: WAS THE CALL COLLECT?

WHEN SECRETARY SONY KENAN answered the telephone in promoter Butch Lewis' office recently, she was surprised to hear the voice of incarcerated LH contender James Scott.

"Get me a fight with Michael Spinks," demanded Scott. "I'll knock him out!"

A bit annoyed at Scott's pressing attack, Ms. Kenan inquired, "When will you be released from Rahway State Prison?"

"In 1990," came the answer.

Quicker than a jab and more powerful than a right cross, Ms. Kenan shot back, "Call us then!" *Click.*

BARTENDER'S TRIVIA QUESTION

WHO WAS THE HEAVIEST *UNSUC*cessful challenger for the heavyweight title?

Last Month's Bartender's Trivia Corner Question: What boxer fought 202 consecutive bouts without appearing in the same city for any two bouts in a row?

Answer: Young Stribling. Known as the "King of the Canebrakes," Stribling boxed in innumerable locales—mainly in the south—against such notables as Maxie Schmeling, who stopped him with 14 seconds to go in their 1931 heavyweight title fight in Cleveland.

DOWN FOR THE COUNT

DOOLEY, EDWIN, 76, Former New York State Athletic commissioner, in late February in Boca Raton, Florida. Dooley, a political appointee of then-New York State Governor Nelson Rockefeller, was Commissioner from 1966 through 1975. During that time Dooley oversaw the last major fights in New York, including Frazier-Ali I, Benevenuti-Griffith I, II & III, and Bob Foster-Dick Tiger. But he is most remembered for stripping Muhammad Ali of his title moments after he refused to take the obligatory step forward for induction and naming the winner of the Joe Frazier-"Buddy" (sic) Mathis fight the New York State Heavyweight Champion.

WIN ONE FOR THE GIMPER

IT WAS 20 MINUTES BEFORE FIGHT time. Unbeaten welterweight contender Donald Curry was scheduled to box Mike Senegal in the main event on ESPN's weekly Top Rank series. However, Curry was ill. Fever. Chills. Nausea. Upset stomach. Had he not pulled out of a Top Rank main event two months earlier with an injured leg, he certainly would have pulled out of this one without giving a second thought.

He sat in his dressing room in distress. After much inner consultation Curry decided it would serve his body's interest best to be in bed, not in a boxing ring. This was a job for Akbar Muhammad.

Muhammad, the Executive Vice-President

of Top Rank, Inc., has an outgoing, magnetic personality and a flair for the dramatic. With an ill Donald Curry at his side, and the thought of an aborted main event on his mind, Muhammad ignited Curry's fighting heart with a speech straight out of Hollywood.

"Willis Reed was the Captain of the new York Knicks basketball team," Muhammad told Curry. "He was their soul, their fire. Without him, they were a good team. With him they were possibly the best team ever to step on a basketball court. In the seventh and final game of the 1969-70 championships against the Los Angeles Lakers, the Knicks were expected to play without Reed, who was badly injured. He shouldn't have even been home—he should've been in a hospital with a torn, ripped-up knee. Yet he forced himself, pushed himself to incredible limits. He fired his team up just by being there. It was a performance the sports world will never forget. The Knicks won, and Reed was one of the game's stars.

"Do it, Donald, fight tonight. Prove you're a pro of the highest calibre. When you win, when you win big in the condition you're in, you're gonna feel as if you're invincible. Do it!"

Curry was moved. And, not incidentally, he was sensational, stopping Senegal in the 10th and final round.

Perhaps the camps of Sean O'Grady and Gerry Cooney could use an Akbar Muhammad to push them when they need to be pushed.

PUNCHLINES

GENE FULLMER, FORMER MIDDLEweight Champ, on becoming a grandfather for the first time: "If I'd of known how much fun it was, I'd of missed the middle step of having kids."

WBA Junior Middleweight Champ Davey Moore, in attendance at Marvin Hagler's "marvelous" demolition of Caveman Lee, when asked if he would consider moving up to the middleweight division: "No, I'm gonna starve myself."

Cus D'Amato, remembering the evasive tactics of former Light Heavyweight Champion "Slapsie" Maxie Rosenbloom: "He was so good you couldn't hit his backside with a handful of buckshot."

THE "OTHER" HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION

THE LAST TIME HE WAS SEEN IN some sort of action, the "other" heavyweight champion, Mike Weaver, was chasing James (Sprint) Tillis around the ring in a bout that could just as well have been refereed by Alberto Salazar for all that it mattered.

Now he was scheduled to come to New York for a press conference to announce his next defense, this one against Randall "Tex" Cobb. Only he didn't show. Seems that his spiritual adviser, Mother Neal, had told him it was not a good night for flying. Or something to that effect.

Wonder what she told him about the fly-by-night organization which has conferred its title on him, the WBA, and their refusal to let him fight Gerry Cooney last year, insisting instead that Tillis was the "leading available contender?"

TAKING A BOARD WALK

THE WEEK OF MARCH 15TH WE received a memorandum from the United States Boxing Association (the USBA for you fans of alphabet soup) on the current status of "Larry N. Frazier (boxer)." The memo noted that Frazier "has not been active recently. "However," their report continued, "it is rumored (that) a contract between Frazier and his manager Mike Morton was filed with the Portland Commission, dated January 10, 1981 and for four years." It then went on to add, "The Portland Commission will appreciate all members honoring this contract."

Apparently members of the USBA will have less trouble honoring the contract than Frazier himself. For, that very weekend, Frazier was scheduled to fight Jumbo Cummings at the Playboy Club in Atlantic City. But, on the morning of the fight, after the weigh-in, Frazier suddenly "went south"—or, for that matter, north, east or west. Wherever, he couldn't be found and his bout had to be cancelled.

Seems the problem was not only his having weighed-in at 250 pounds,—35 pounds more than for his last fight—but also that, according to many insiders, he was *already* having problems with his manager before his first fight under his new contract.

Maybe the USBA should send out a follow-up memo informing all of "Larry N. Frazier, (*ex*-boxer)." Or, at the very least, contact a promoter who is looking for someone to be in a "walk-out" bout.

JOE FRAZIER'S SUFFERS A TRAGIC HIT

ONE OF THE REASONS JOE FRAZIER even assayed resuming his career in the ring was that some of his investments were, at best, whelming. His limousine service had not gone well and his one-third interest in "Smokin' Joe's Korner," a nitespot on the western edge of Philadelphia, had also not fared well.

Now it seems to have gone altogether, closed as the result of a triple slaying by hold-up men who shot down two restaurant workers and a mailman during the abortive robbery attempt. Witnesses to the crime said that the two gunmen were recognized by their victims immediately before being shot to death. Frazier, too, would like to know who they are and has offered a reward for the apprehension of the slayers.

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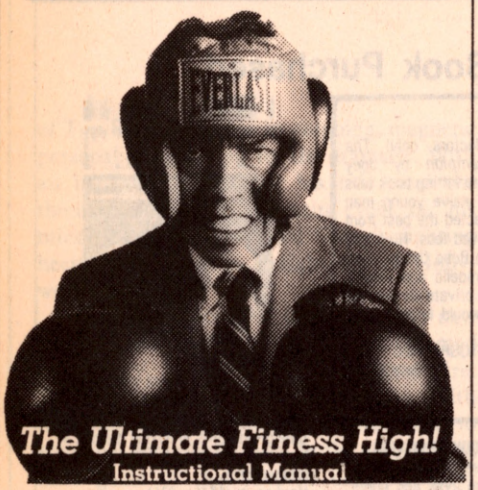

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THIRTY YEARS AGO

May 1952: The New York State Athletic Commission declared that no fighter in that state would be permitted to sign an agreement giving a promoter his exclusive services. Furthermore, The U.S. Department of Justice filed a suit against the International Boxing Club, charging the latter with monopolistic practices. During this time, the I.B.C. controlled arenas in New York, Detroit, and other large cities.

Jim Norris, president of the I.B.C., was not concerned about the outcome of the court decision. "A fighter goes where he can get the most money. That's why fighters sign with us. We don't have to ask them, they come to us."

It was reported in the issue that Jersey Joe Walcott would finally agree to defend his heavyweight title against Ezzard Charles with Rocky Marciano looming in the background to meet the winner.

Television, which viewed as many as three boxing shows a week, was praised by *The Ring*. Fighters gained national prestige in locales that they would not be otherwise known in.

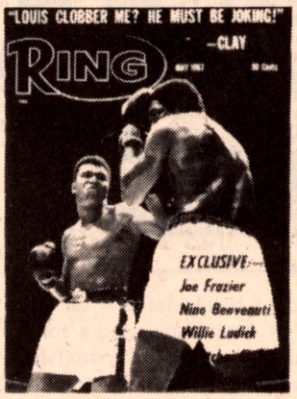
The main criticism of televised boxing was the fact that the live gate had diminished. But statistics had shown that this was not the case.

Ray Robinson was named "Fighter of the Month" for his 15-round decision over Carl "Bobo" Olson. In the process, Robinson retained his world middleweight title.

BACK IN THE RING

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

May 1967: Nat Fleischer suggested that Floyd Patterson, 32, should retire from the ring. Fleischer's reasons were Patterson's decisive loss to Muhammad Ali two years earlier and the fact that he was no longer at his peak, A third point by Fleischer was that history had proved that fighters at Patterson's age had little success in matching their achievements of yesteryear.



Muhammad Ali's rebuttal to a February issue of that year which Joe Louis told *The Ring* "How he would have defeated Ali if they had met": "Hard punching isn't enough. One must have speed, keenness of eye, science and a good counter punch to come through every fight unhurt, uncut and on top as I have," said a bashful Ali.

Joe Frazier was named Fighter of the Month for his six-round knockout of Doug Jones. It was noted that an Ali-Frazier fight was sometime away, as the Frazier people felt their fighter needed to improve on his defensive skills.

FIVE YEARS AGO

May 1977: Wilfred Benitez, then the world junior welterweight champion was examined by *The Ring*. The reviews were mixed. On one hand, Benitez, 17, at the time was praised for his natural talent which, if could be developed, could make him one of boxing's greatest stars. On the other hand, however, if Benitez did not learn how to handle success and gain a lack of discipline, then his period of success could be limited.

In Benitez's bout with Harold Weston, which ended in a draw, he manifested both the ability to box well and to clown which left many observers in enigma.

Sugar Ray Leonard made his professional debut. Leonard decisioned Luis Vega in six rounds.

Robert Duran retained his lightweight championship for the 10th time with a 13-round KO over Vilomar Fernandez.

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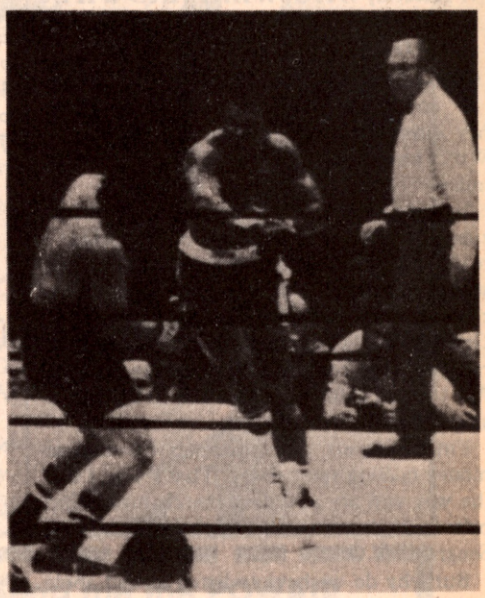

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JAMES H. CLRICHS, EL DORADO, KANSAS

WHERE, WHO, WHAT AND WHY ABOUT THE TWO "W's"— THE WBC AND THE WBA

The Ring has a great reputation which you and your staff maintain consistently. My question is: Why have the WBA and WBC have monopolized the boxing game today?

Is there no one beside you and your magazine to stand up to these two boxing jokes? I read their so-called rules in a recent issue and still cannot figure out how these associations can do business in a competent manner. Granted the boxing game is a hard sport to rank fighters, but their rankings are terrible. Are they so influential that the world has to abide by their "rules"?

I'm no expert, but boxing is the biggest money-making sport today. That's why I like the way you are awarding the championship belts to the current crop of fighters along with Seagram's V.O.

But why do we have to listen to and abide by these two boxing blunders? I just want to join the multitude and say that your magazine and your rankings are more accurate than the WBA and WBC. I guess that if we did not have these two, then the game would not muster the money or interest it does today. The final irony of this is that these two "organizations" actually get paid to sanction bouts! Well, *Ring*, keep up the good work and if you need another warrior to battle these two forces of evil I sincerely enlist. Unfortunately I have no solution to this problem but *The Ring* is definitely on the right path.

RALPH LOPEZ, NOVI, MICH.

POSTER MIA: WILFRED BENITEZ

I am an avid fan of Wilfred Benitez and *Ring* Magazine. ever since the night Benitez won the title from Antonio "Kid Pambele" Cervantes, I've had tremendous admiration for him.

Now to the point: since *Ring* magazine has initiated printing monthly posters of today's champs I have looked forward to see one of Benitez, to no avail!! In general, most boxing magazines have failed to give Benitez enough recognition, and I'd appreciate it if you cast my vote for a poster in future issues and more articles concerning the Triple Champ, Wilfred Benitez.

ROBERT PALMA, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

*ED Note: **Ring** and Seagram's V.O are presently honoring the current **Ring** champions with championship belts and picturing them in our special fold-out section. However, because Wilfred has been a **Ring** champion in the past—recognized as **both** Welterweight and Junior Welterweight Champ—a belt is now in the process of being cast for him.*

HALF-A-DIVISION, HALF-A-DIVISION FORWARD

I recently viewed the junior middleweight championship bout between Wilfred Benitez and Roberto Duran on Home Box Office and on a later re-play televised by ABC.

In both telecasts the commentators referred to the fight as being for the "super welterweights" championship. Even the Las Vegas ring announcer stated same.

Is this another weight division created by media type or the WBC? While it certainly sounds more impressive to be the super welterweight champion than the junior middleweight champion, it only adds further confusion to an already confusing situation.

Soon we shall see two contestants fighting for the extra-super ultra-gargantuan junior micro-mini infinitesimal non-redundant flyweight championship of the world or thereabouts.

MICHAEL SCHIAVO, NOVATO, CALIFORNIA

SUGAR RAY: WEIGHT A MINUTE!

Just a word about "Sugar Ray" Leonard, who is "offering" Marvin Hagler a respectable payday at last. All Hagler has to do is sweat off six pounds of muscle and stamina in a steam room, then go out to face a sleek, finely-conditioned Ray Leonard "half way" to Leonard's welterweight title. Talk about a nice guy . . . I wonder what he'd say about dropping down to 141 and meeting Alexis Arguello "half way" to his welterweight title?

The only real money fights the public will accept from Leonard now, is a rematch with Wilfred Benitez, which I think he would do well to avoid, or a shot at Hagler's middleweight crown (which he isn't big and bad enough to get) so what we'll probably get is a steady diet of Bruce Finchs, Roger Staffords, and the like. Or maybe he'll be a real sweet guy and give Larry Holmes a chance at a good payday if Holmes would come in at 180?

RAY CURTIS, GOLDFIELD, IOWA

HOW DO YOU SPELL CRIMINAL? THE WBA AND THE WBC

I HAVE FINALLY BEEN SUFFICIENTLY aroused by the childlike behavior of the ruling world bodies into writing you. The two most recent terrible "crimes" they have committed are the last in a long line of such sins. First, the WBA's sacking of Ray Leonard as Junior Middleweight king. Worst still, instead of replacing him with a worthy successor such as Ayub Kalule or Maurice Hope, Tidashi Mahara fought Rocky Fratto. And, secondly, the WBA's inability to compel Carlos DeLeon into defending his title within the time limits of their own rules.

I believe that *The Ring*, as the most respected member of the independent boxing community, should take action, using its connections to talk to the boxers. For instance, they should force Larry Holmes and Mike Weaver to forsake their useless half titles and fight each other for universal recognition and *The Ring* championship belt. If the *boxers* no longer want any part of the WBC the WBA, then these two worthless organizations will fold up and be forgotten.

It is up to *you* to take the initiative and set up *The Ring* world council. By compiling independent ratings you are going forward. But is is not enough. It is imperative for you to gain recognition from the boxers. The last thing boxing needs is four world bodies (if you include the WAA!)

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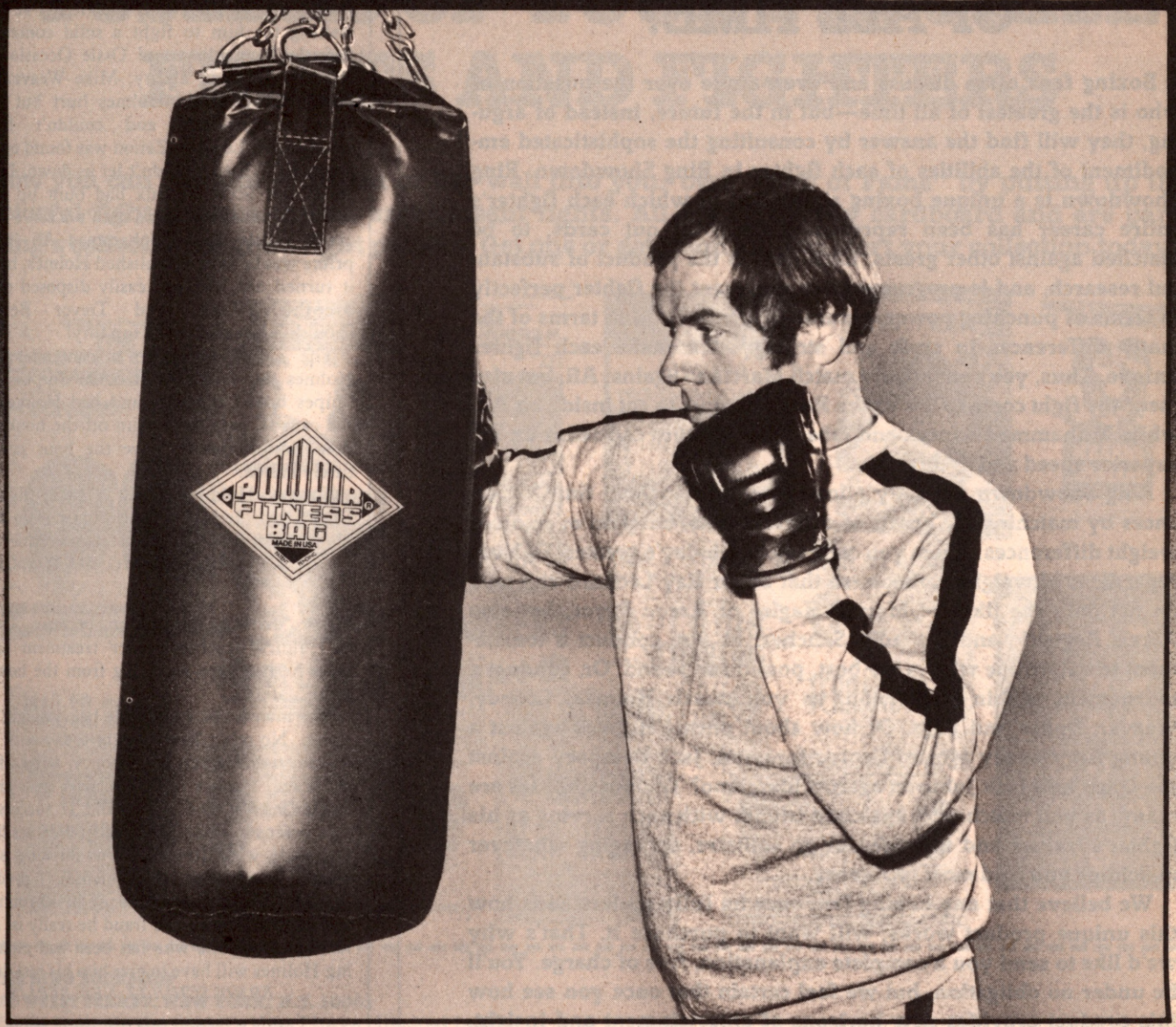

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It's very simple to see why Larry Holmes gets no respect: He doesn't deserve any! Ever since Holmes won the title, I've been waiting for him to fight a solid contender. Alfredo Evangelista and Ossie Occasio lack all-around boxing ability; Mike Weaver and Earnie Shavers had Holmes hurt but both were undertrained and couldn't finish Holmes off; Lorenzo Zanon was found on the "easy KO" list and didn't let us down; Leroy Jones and Scott Ledoux had built up their records against bums and didn't deserve to be given a title shot; Muhammad Ali in his prime would have demolished Holmes, but as it turned out, Holmes easily disposed of an over-the-hill Ali, and Trevor Berbick shouldn't be rated in the top fifty!

The closest thing to a contender that Holmes has fought is Renaldo Snipes. Mr. Snipes boxed superbly and had Holmes on the canvas, only to let him off the hook and then, unfortunately, have the bout prematurely halted.

To me, Holmes is just a lucky fighter. Lucky that the boxing world has put up with his string of defenses against non-worthies.

MARK MILNAC, CANTON, OHIO

I'm writing this letter because Larry Holmes deserves better treatment than what he has been receiving from the boxing public lately.

The man is the iron of the heavyweight division. No other heavyweight today is in his league; not Weaver, not Cooney, not Dokes, nor Page. He has made his mark as a great fighter with a 39-0 record and 11 successful title defenses—The latter statistic makes him 3rd along with Tommy Burns for most successful heavyweight title defenses. I predict that Holmes will stop Cooney in 10 rounds, and expose him for the fraud he really is. After that, everyone who has been bad mouthing Holmes will have to give him his just due.

ERNIE SCHULTZ, NEW BERLIN, WI

A NEED TO RIGHT A WRONG

Inasmuch as the last few issues of *Ring* Magazine have made mention of the fact that the officials scoring the Billy Graham-Kid Gavilan fight actually scored it for Graham, but because of one official's "commitment", it was not recorded correctly, I think it is time to set the record straight.

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—GERALD HANIK

A *Because they were held in Pennsylvania and Illinois. Those two states did not permit bouts longer than 10 rounds at that time.*

Q I know Jack Dempsey was criticized for never defending his title against Harry Wills. Did Jack ever meet any black opponents before he won the crown?

—TED ZIMMER

A *Dempsey faced four black men: Anamas Campbell, Boston Bearcat, George Christian, and John Lester Johnson.*

Q Did Jack Sharkey ever fight Jim Braddock?

—OSCAR KAHN

A *No.*

Q What is the youngest age at which a boxer has taken part in a professional bout?

—JACOB GREEN

A *That's a rough question. Many of the old-timers started at 14, but Baby Arizmendi may hold the record. According to publicity stories, he was fighting, as a pro, in Mexico when he was seven. The earliest bouts found for him, however, are from 1927, when he was 13. (Are there any Mexican historians who have Arizmendi's complete early record?)*

Q I've seen a number of "North American Boxing Federation" title bouts on TV. When did this organization get started?

—JOHN MURRAY

A The NABF goes back to 1969. Their *first sanctioned title bout was the Leotis Martin-Sonny Liston heavyweight slugfest in December of that year.*

Q Was Harry Greb ever knocked out?

—HENRY WAGNER

A *Yes. Joe Chip, the brother of then current middleweight champ George, kayoed Greb in the second round at Old City Hall in Pittsburgh on November 19, 1913. Greb was also stopped by Kid Graves in Pittsburgh on December 16, 1915. On that occasion, Harry broke his arm in the first round and the bout was halted early in the second.*

Q As a collector of ring data, I've seen George K.O. Chaney credited with 102 kayoes by various sources. Yet his bout-by-bout record lists only 86. Why the difference?

——AL SHRINER

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Q Who compiled the extensive Olympic boxing data that was in the 1980 record book?

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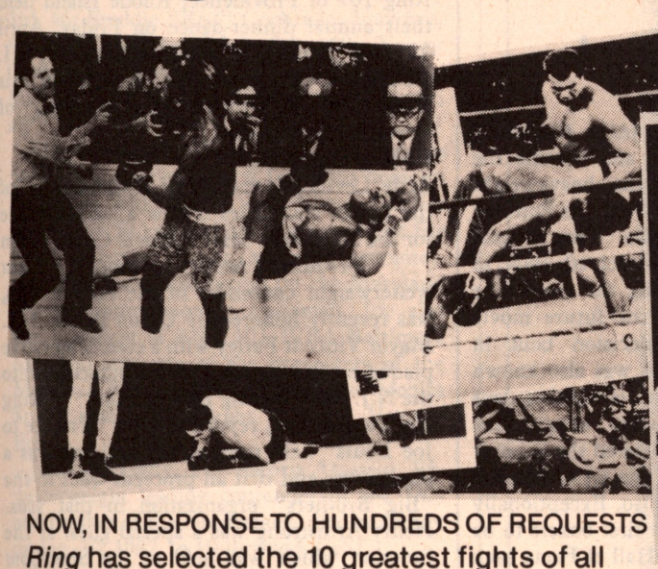

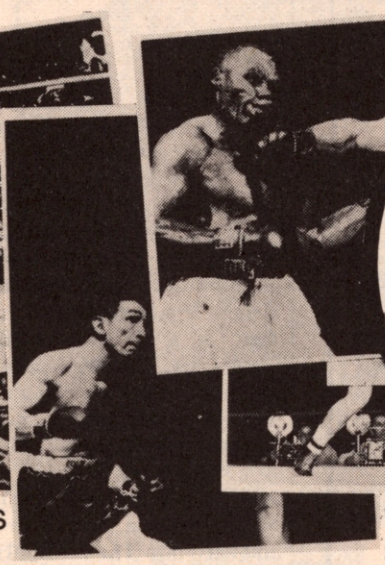

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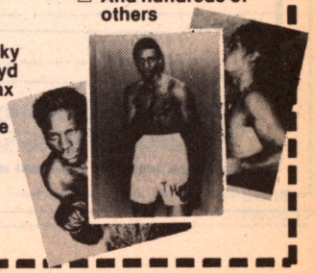

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VETERAN BOXERS' BEAT

ON DECEMBER 25, 1908, JACK JOHNSON won the heavyweight title and became the first black man to win the heavyweight laurels, defeating Tommy Burns in fourteen rounds in Sydney, Australia. Two months and thirteen days later, on March 10, 1909, in his first bout after annexing the crown, he fought Victor McLaglen, the future movie star, in a six-round no-decision bout in Vancouver, B.C. McLaglen was also known as the "Great Romano" in his fighting days before he became a movie actor. Jack Johnson, whom many considered the greatest of his era, was a master in the art of feinting and had a terrific left jab also. Exceptionally clever, Johnson, one of the first boxers to be inducted into The Boxing Hall of Fame back in 1954, died in an automobile accident at Raleigh, N.C. in 1946.

The Leo Salakin Hall of Fame Dinner was held last Jan. 18, in Detroit, Mich. The Hall of Fame was named in honor of the late Leo Salakin, a great mover behind the Golden Gloves and AAU boxing programs, and a man who patiently worked with the youngsters growing up in the State of Michigan. Those honored were: Thomas Hearns, Mickey Goodwin, Dino Waite, Jim Ingram, Don Shane and Sam LaFate for their contributions to the sport of boxing. A large attendance was on hand and Hall of Fame Commissioner Jack Moriarty was thrilled with the response . . . Former boxer Henry Smith of Charleroi, Pa. was one of the best fighters ever to come out of the Monessen Valley area. A four-time Golden Glove champion and also a state champion as an amateur, he fought while in the army and had numerous pro fights throughout the country. Today Henry is retired from the stell mills and lives in Charleroi, where he is the trainer at the Charleroi A.C. boxing club . . . The NVB Ring 20 of Kearny, N.J. held their annual dinner-dance at Vecchiarello's restaurant in Little Ferry, N.J. on Sunday May 2nd, 1982 at 4:00 P.M. Those honored included: Ben Walsh, Lou DeLuca, Steve Adams, Bernie Manhoff, Harry Lewis and N.J. State Chief Deputy Boxing Commissioner Robert W. Lee. The IVBA Ring 107 of Providence, Rhode Island held their annual dinner-dance on Friday, April 23, 1982 at the 1025 Club in Johnston, R.I. Domenic DeCiantis is the president of this Ring and Al Provost the chairman of activities committees.

Boxing Chit-Chat:

Artie Levine, former great middleweight of the forties and fifties is now a boxing judge for the New York State Athletic Commission . . . Freddie Archer, former great welterweight contender of the early forties, was recently honored by Union Beach, N.J. Mayor Vincent Farley with a commemorative plaque on the occasion of his induction into the N.J. State Boxing Hall of Fame . . . Ring #50 Tampa, Fla., reports that the "Tribute to Joe Louis" held prior to the holidays was a big success and that all proceeds went to the "Big Brothers" organization in that area. Henry Armstrong was a special guest at the function which was held at the Showboat Dinner Theater. . . . Word comes from Billy Mahoney of Fresno, Calif. of Young Corbett III, Jackie Fields and Mushy Callahan, all former champs, and all on the ailing list . . .

Johnny Craven, ex-fighter from Conshohocken, Pa. now lives in Florida. Johnny was inducted into the Conshohocken, Pa. Sports Hall of Fame in 1981 . . . A dinner was held in honor of Rocky Scott, who is ill in Rochester, N.Y. Scott was a great little featherweight in the twenties and early thirties and one-time president of the World Boxing Historians Assoc. "God Speed Rocky" . . . The son of the late Primo Carnera, Humberto, is now a respected surgeon in California . . . Bernie Taylor, Dover, N.J. boxing promoter, recuperating from surgery at Dover General Hospital . . . Paddy Dolan, a promising Long Island lightweight of a few years ago, is in Nassau Medical Center, where his leg was amputated after a serious auto accident . . . Charlie "Lefty" Luongo from Boston sends word that former fighters George "Wop" Manolian, Charlie DeAngelis, Mickey Bishop and Johnny Vacca, all members of Ring 4, Boston, are on the sick list . . .

Happy Birthday to champs: Sugar Ray Leonard, who, on May 17th, will celebrate his 26th and Marvin Hagler, May 23rd his 30th; Other former champions who will also celebrate their birthdays in May are: Ray

Robinson, May 3rd, 62; Jose Torres, May 3rd, 46; Freddie "Red" Cochrane, May 6th, 67; Fritzie Zivic, May 8th, 69; Young Corbett III, May 27th, 77; and Tony Zale, May 29th, his 69th. "Happy Birthday to all"...

The Old Guard Passeth . . . Joe Poodles Sr. Passed away on March 1st. at his home in Baltimore, Md. after a long illness. Poodles spent over 50 years of his lifetime in the fite game, as boxer, trainer, manager, promoter, gym owner and also served on the Maryland Boxing Commission as chairman. Joe also was president of Ring 101 IVBA Baltimore Md. and was one of the organizers of the Maryland Boxing Hall of Fame. Joe Poodles Sr. a man who fought for the Veteran Boxer...

Jimmy O'Gatty, The Astoria Assassin, Ex-welterweight leading contender of the '20s and brother of the late Packey, died suddenly on Jan. 30, 1982. in Hollywood, Calif.

Mickey Fox, nee Breitkopf, 87 years old, recently passed away recently in Newark, N.J. Fox started boxing in 1909 and met the top flyweights and bantamweights of his time, facing the likes of Banty Lewis, Jimmy McVey, Pete Herman, George Kayo Chaney, Joe Tierney, and Young Sully, to name a few. Fox served the State of New Jersey as a Lawyer, Prosecutor, and a Municipal Judge in the city of Newark, N.J.

Benny Levine, former great punching lightweight from Newark, N.J. died in February after a long illness. Levine, a New Jersey Boxing Hall of Famer, fought in the twenties and met the best of his era.

Jimmy "Valentine" Finazzo, of Brooklyn, N.Y. The "Champ" passed away on Feb. 22, 1982. Was a good pro fighter who fought many bouts throughout the country. Jimmy was a member of Ring 21 Brooklyn N.Y.

Frankie Garcia, Ex-featherweight of the 1917-1920 era, passed away in February, a victim of cancer at Gardena, California. Garcia fought former champs Johnny Dundee, Benny Bass and Sammy Mandell. He was past-president of the Golden State Veterans Boxers Association.

Morris Parker, Newark N.J. boxing great of the thirties. A former state champion, he won many amateur titles and also fought as a pro.

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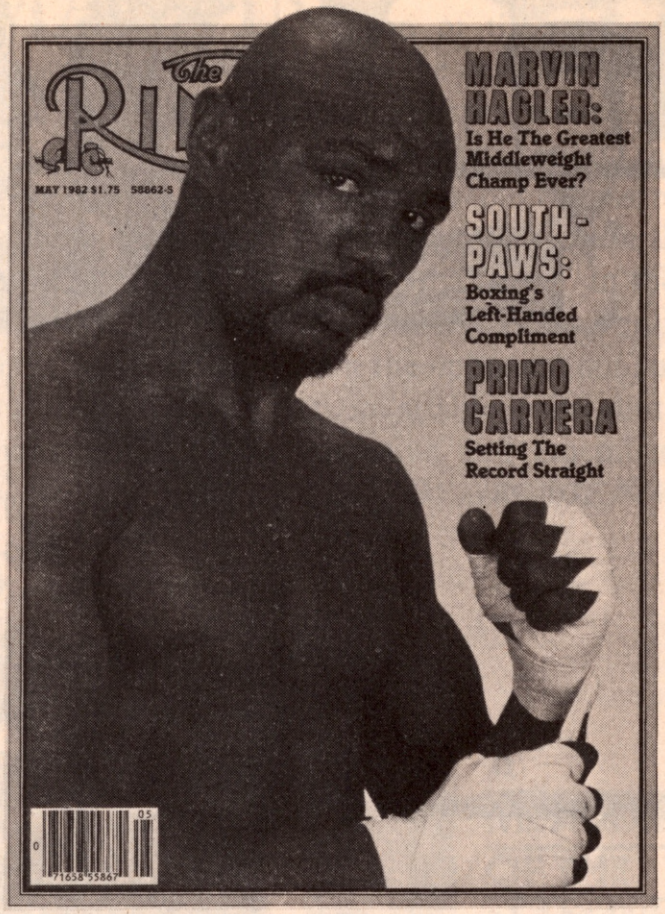

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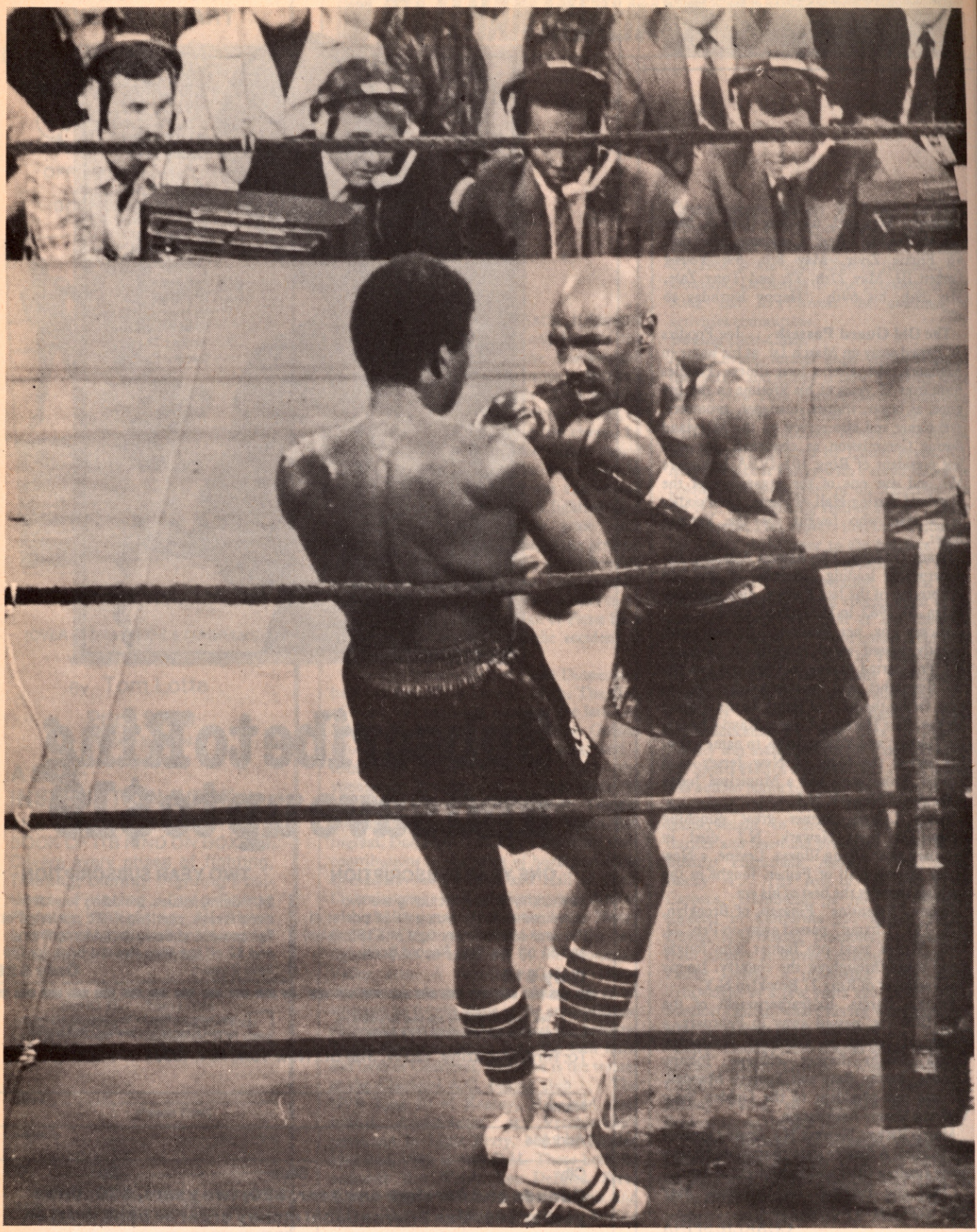
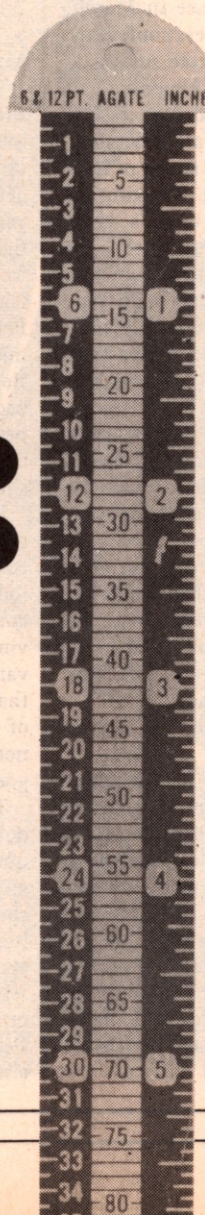


MARVELOUS MARVIN Hagler, middleweight champion of the whole world, husband and father, dispenser of autographs and kisser of babies, was the designated victim of a roast for the benefit of the New England B'nai B'rith last month. Despite the presence of some of the wittiest minds around, hardly any of the roasters could, even in jest, think of anything bad to say about him—unless, of course, you count the wag who told the assemblage that Caveman Lee had been invited, but, at the last moment, cancelled out, because the last time the honored guest and Lee had gotten together, "They almost had a fight." In the ring, Hagler, bearded and bald, assumes a decidedly Mephistophelian cast that is further enhanced when he laces on a pair of gloves and glowers at an opponent. Count the opponent out and take off the gloves and you discover a man with a cheerful disposition, an affable smile—but still a shaved head. He is a simple, yet complex, man who knows what he wants, and remembers how he got it.

BY GEORGE KIMBALL

MARVIN HAGLER:



A MEASURE OF THE MAN WHO TAKES THE MEASURE OF MOST HE MEETS.

WHEN HIS HOMETOWN OF BROCKTON, Mass., held its centennial celebration last summer, Hagler was the parade's Grand Marshal. He shared the reviewing stand dais with Governor Edward King, U.S. Senators Kennedy and Tsongas, and Rocky Marciano's mother. Only last month he was invited to be the color commentator, with announcer Curt Gowdy, on the inaugural "Fight of the Month" broadcast. It has been a long, hard road, but he is recognized on the streets wherever he goes. He carries a pocketful of postcard-sized pictures of himself which he cheerfully signs upon request. There have been no post-fight phone calls from Dutch Reagan so far, but that can't be far away either. There was a State Department-sponsored tour to the Caribbean this winter. And the Superstars . . . and on and on . . .

Hagler may be a successful and respected—as well as affluent—citizen of Brockton, but he is also a child of the Newark ghetto, and retains that measure of street savvy, coupled with mistrust, that never leaves you. His tastes are simple, almost plebian. After knocking out Caveman Lee in March, he appeared at the post-fight press conference wearing a conservative three-piece suit, a tie and a short-sleeved white shirt. He pours half a bottle of ketchup on a broiled filet of sole. He is now a full-fledged corporate entity, but before he won the title, openly spoke of hoping to make enough money out of boxing for him and his wife Bertha to open a laundromat.

Now, in a room full of boxing champions, he can comfortably share a dais with Ray Leonard and feel that they are equals—which, by any measure, save the financial yardstick, they are. The way to rectify this situation, plainly, would be for them to meet in the ring. Marvelous Marvin would like that, and feels that "the public will eventually *demand* it." Leonard concurs, but defers to his attorney, Mike Trainer, who explains that Leonard will be happy to meet Hagler, but *not* at 160 pounds—which, in turn, means *no* fight. Hagler is the Middleweight Champion, and has fought at 160 pounds since his amateur days. He is not about to shed an extra ounce to make more money—not for Ray Leonard and not for anybody else.

There are some things about Marvin Hagler that will never change.

Since the early days of his amateur career—which culminated in a national AAU title in 1973, the same year Leonard lost to Randy Shields—Marvin Hagler has been handled by the Brothers Petronelli, Goody and Pat, who prefer to be described as "co-handlers." In point of fact, Goody, who is a Navy veteran and longtime veteran of the fight game, is more trainer, and Pat, who had a construction business in Brockton, more manager; but the functions are sufficiently interlaced that "Co-handler" will suffice.

Other champions seem to pick up camp followers by the busload—"Even the hangers-on have acquired hangers-on," Wilfrid Sheed once described Muhammad Ali's entourage—but the traveling road show for a Hagler title fight has remained constant, even in success.

Steve Wainwright, the third member of the triumvirate, or trio, is a partner in the prestigious law firm of Wainwright, Wainwright, Wainright, Wainwright, and Wainwright. Known as The Barrister, he is the third man in the corner during bouts involving Petronelli fighters, and handles the legal and financial affairs of the champion. He shaved his head, *a la* Marvin, when Hagler won the title in England two years ago, and has avoided the wet look ever since. He plays jazz flute and is given, after many, often too many, tequilas, to impressing young ladies by telling them about the giraffe farms he owns in Africa.

His notion of packaging Hagler for media consumption goes like this:

"What was Gorgeous George's last name?"

"I haven't a clue . . ."

"Precisely. So why can't he just be plain Marvelous Marvin?"

The entourage is also apt to include others: Brother Robbie Sims, who followed Marvin into the middleweight ranks, where he rolled up twelve straight wins before Bobby Czyz defeated him in January; Angelo Carlino, a 51 year-old MBTA driver, photographer, and fight buff, who has followed Hagler's career from his first amateur fight to England, Chicago, Atlantic City, and back; Tony Petronelli, Pat's son, who was himself a promising junior welterweight until Wilfred Benitez prematurely retired him a few years back; and Rip Valenti, the 82 year-old Boston promoter who staged many of Hagler's early bouts and still maintains a father-son relationship with Hagler.

But somehow, not to be numbered amongst those in his entourage, is his wife Bertha, who is most emphatically *not* part of the entourage. She is, instead, the centerpiece of his *other* life; and orderly person that he is, Marvin Hagler likes to keep things straight. The various rituals have become so finely-honed that they verge on superstition, and one tenet of the champion's credo holds that he does not lay eyes on Bertha Hagler from the day he goes into training until after the fight.

The night before the Minter fight in London, Bertha herself nearly violated this quarantine. After dinner and a few spots of grog with Marvin's mother and stepfather, she dropped by to say "hello" to her long-lost husband. This seemingly innocent move started a panic in the camp that saw her intercepted at the front door of Bailey's Hotel on Gloucester Road by Robbie Sims and Pat Petronelli, who first implored and then insisted that the wife vacate the premises before the champion accidentally spotted her and went into a frenzy. Hagler's handlers will go to great lengths to protect their charge.

The blessed event was due to occur midway through the training period. The whole camp had immersed itself in a "Think Pink" campaign, in hopes of a girl. Marvin, who has one son from his boyhood days in Newark and Champ, 5, by Bertha, wanted a girl so badly he promised his wife she could choose the name. If it was a boy, Bertha wanted to call him "Derek." Hagler immediately rejected this on the grounds that Derek was a sissy name. "What do you want to name him then?" asked the wife. "I don't know," replied Marvin, "but it ain't gonna be Derek. We'll just put 'Baby Boy Hagler' on the birth certificate and decide later."

Once enunciated, this decision became an obsession: if the child was a girl she would be called "Charelle Monique," Bertha's choice. Otherwise he would be "Baby Boy Hagler." *Finis.* No further discussion. Thus, the entire entourage was desperately "Thinking Pink"—partly because everyone knew a girl would please Marvin so much, but mostly because the alternative was unthinkable.

"*Baby Boy Hagler*," fumed Pat Petronelli. "What the hell kind of name is that for the son of a world champion?"

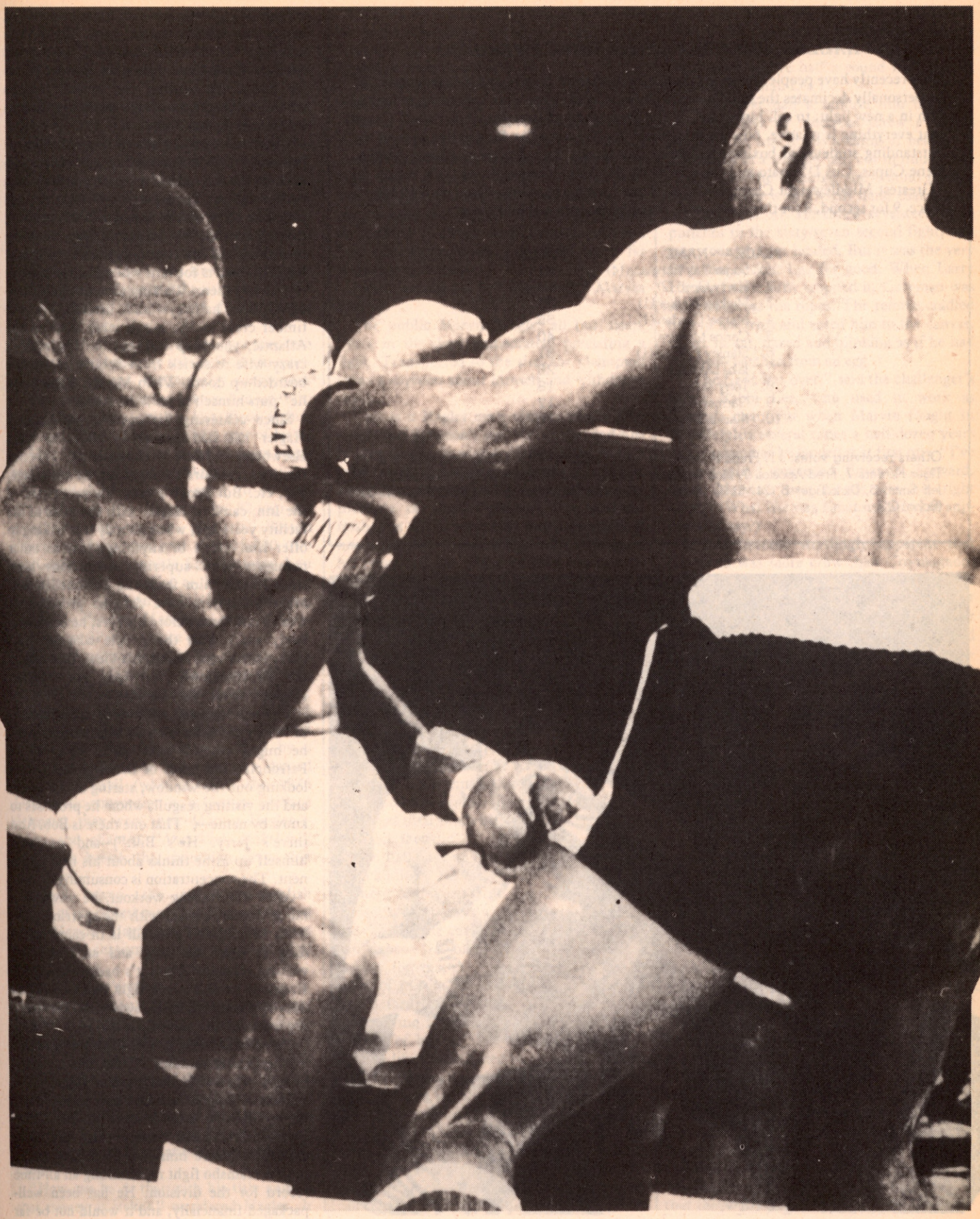
Bertha Hagler went into labor on the morning of February 17th. Two days before, Mickey Goodwin had pulled out of the fight and been replaced by Caveman Lee. This, in turn, had provided an excuse to shift the venue—political, labor, and economic considerations had rendered San Remo unattractive—and, less than three weeks before the fight, Bob Arum was shopping around for a new site. Either of these circumstances would normally be enough to upset Hagler's delicately-honed countdown, but now, with the added aggravation, he was pacing the floor of his suite in Provincetown like a caged tiger.

The call came at mid-morning. Charelle Monique Hagler had checked into the world. It was raining outside, the champ had already missed his morning run, and he abruptly decided to abandon the afternoon workout as well. "Say, Pat," he brightened. "What say we let this be Sunday—Hagler normally rests one day a week during training—and run up to Brockton to see the Mama and baby?"

Petronelli, startled, blinked. "Sure, Marv," he smiled. "Whatever you say. Let's go."

Marvin Hagler is a creature of habit. He is also unpredictable.

Four to six weeks before each fight, Hagler checks into his own version of Devil's Island, a small suite of rooms in the rambling Provincetown Inn on the tip of the last curl of Cape Cod, where he proceeds to shut himself off from the outside world. It is all business. He works out at six each evening in a



HAGLER: GREATEST OF ALL MIDDLEWEIGHTS?

Only recently have people begun to take notice of Marvin Hagler and his credentials. As he personally decimates the middleweight division, some critics are beginning to look at him in a new light; to call him "one" of the greatest middleweights of all time." Given that everything is relative, how great is great? To find out, *The Ring* polled nine of the outstanding students of boxing—including Jim Jacobs, Don Dunphy, Barney Nagler, Rene Cupas, Cus D'Amato and the editors of *The Ring*. The results of their voting for "Greatest Middleweight Champion of all Time" are listed below, based on a 10 for 1st place, 9 for second, 8 for third, etc., with first-places votes in parenthesis.

PLACE	NAME	VOTES
1.	Sugar Ray Robinson (4)	81
2.	Harry Greb (2)	64
3.	Mickey Walker (1)	57
4.	Marcel Cerdan (1)	55
5.	Carlos Monzon	40
6.	Stanley Ketchel (1)	31
7.	Jake LaMotta	28
8.	Tony Zale	18
9.	Carmen Basilio	17
10.	Marvin Hagler	16

Others receiving votes: 11. Freddie Steele **15**, 12. Les Darcy **12**, 13. Bob Fitzsimmons **9**, 14. Tiger Flowers **7**, Fred Apostoli **7**, Jack Dempsey **7**, 17. Rocky Graziano **6**, Joey Giardello **6**, 19. Jeff Smith **5**, Dick Tiger **5**, 21. Emile Griffith **4**, 22. Nino Benvenuti **2**, Marcel Thil **2**, 24. Carl (Bobo) Olson **1**.

makeshift gymnasium and ring installed beside the hotel's indoor pool. Early each morning he does his roadwork across the desolate Cape Code dunes, an exercise in utter masochism during the winter months when you keep expecting a polar bear to pop up around the next turn.

The hotel consists of the original, turn-of-the-century Victorian edifice and various ells and extensions added over the years, with each architect apparently loonier than the last. The Cape tourist season is brief, running from Memorial Day to Labor Day, with the result that the Inn is usually a series of vacant handball courts for rent when Hagler goes into training there. Walking around the darkened Gothic hallways and listening to the timber creak as the winds whip in from the Atlantic, you keep waiting for Heathcliffe's crazy wife to shriek from behind one of the boarded-up doors. When Marvin Hagler says he "puts himself in jail," he means it.

Since achieving his current prominence, Hagler has had numerous offers to train elsewhere. More convenience, better facilities, creature comforts for the entourage, etc., etc. But Brook Evans, the proprietor of the Inn, came to Hagler with the offer of his facility years ago, when nobody was willing to offer him much of anything. Just as other managers with superior connections have tried to lure him from the Petronellis, and other promoters have dangled promises of wealth and fame before his eyes, he has steadfastly stuck with the people who got him here, thank you, and in his view, that means the Provincetown Inn too. For Marvin Hagler is loyal. Very loyal.

The self-imposed solitude is spent mostly in his room. After his run and morning nap, he might read or play cards with Goody Petronelli. But most of the time he spends looking out the window, staring at the ocean and the visiting seagulls whom he professes to know by name—("That one there is Bob. And there's Jerry. He's Bill.")—and psyching himself up as he thinks about his next opponent. The concentration is consuming.

After the evening workout, he unwinds a bit at dinner, shared with the sparring partners, whichever Petronelli is in camp attending to him that day, and an occasional visiting reporter. Then it's back to business. Evenings he will watch fight tapes—both his next opponent's and his own—even the evening workouts are videotaped daily.

Occasionally Hagler will stretch as if to test his hardening muscles. "I can feel myself," he says with satisfaction, "gettin' mean."

Marvin Hagler has not only made more money than *he* ever dreamed of, he is also commanding more money than any middleweight before him—his $1 million purse for the Hamsho fight representing an all-time record for the division. He has been well-packaged financially, and it would not be far

out of line to say that he has more money than he will ever need. Yet, in comparison to Ray Leonard, Hagler's earnings pale. And, taken as a yardstick of his own success, this offends him.

It has also served as ammunition for the critics on both sides of the fence. On the one hand they claim he lacks Leonard's charisma, to wit, that he is color*less*; on the other, they maintain that his own color—it happens to be a rich chocolate-brown, in a city where children of that hue frequently get rocks thrown at them—has undercut his drawing power in his own home town. To back up their point, they note that since winning the title Hagler has defended the title twice in the Boston Garden, neither time drawing more than 10,000 fans.

What the latter argument does not take into consideration is that the title defenses in question were against the utterly anonymous Fulgencio Obelmejias and a washed-up Vito Antuofermo—who, in his last three fights, had been bloodied up twice in a pair of losses to Alan Minter and been knocked down twice by the immortal Mauricio Aldano.

"I don't think color has much to do with it," maintains Rip Valenti, the 82-year-old promoter who staged Hagler's Boston shows—and who once put over 15,000 into the Garden for a *non*-title fight between Lou Brouillard and Al McCoy at the height of the Depression. "Fightin' bums like those two, DeMarco, Pender, Marciano, *none* of *them* would have filled the place either."

Featured prominently in the Atlantic City audience for Hagler's most recent defense, against Cave Man Lee, was a thirty-member contingent from the Marvelous Marvin Hagler Fan Club of South Boston—who had bussed down for the occasion. Led by a Southie Saloonkeeper and wise guy named Whitey McGrail (who attended the 1976 Democratic convention as a George Wallace delegate), they wore their Marvin Hagler t-shirts and chanted "*Mah-Vin*! *Mah-Vin*!" with each breath the champion drew that afternoon.

Indeed, given the sometimes-churlish nature of his closest rival, Jim Rice of the Red Sox, Marvin Hagler is indeed the most popular and charismatic black athlete in all of New England.

For what that's worth.

On the other hand, those who maintain that Hagler will never match Leonard's flamboyant aura are correct. Indeed, given his absolute devotion to the task at hand, Hagler—who was himself then in training for the Hamsho fight—was completely *appalled* when Leonard bugged out of his Vegas training camp a week before the Hearns fight in order to appear on a national late-night talk show.

"How can he *do* that with his title and all that money at stake?," wondered Hagler. It would not occur to him that precisely this sort of self-huckstering might be the reason Leonard's earnings are so vast. But if it did, it wouldn't make no never mind.

And those who claim that Hagler's insistence in relying on his own inner circle—"those two bricklayers from Brockton and the crazy lawyer with the shaved head"—has held him back financially *could* be right too. It is entirely possible that had Marvin somewhere along the line dumped his own people and aligned himself with some fast-talking huckster with electric hair and powerful connections, he would be a far wealthier man today.

But he would not be "Marvelous" Marvin Hagler.

The public Marvin Hagler all but disappears in the days immediately preceding a fight. Transported to the site, the champion spins a coccoon about himself and withdraws inside.

This is a Hagler even visitors to the Provincetown gym don't see. He is mean and surly. He speaks in monosyllables if he is in a good mood, and in cold, icy stares if he is not. He spits on the carpet. He barely tolerates the presence of small children. The slightest mishap is apt to send him into a tantrum, if not a rage, as the matter at hand dominates his every thought. He even grows surly with his inner circle.

"I'd get worried if he was any other way," confesses Pat Petronelli, acknowledging the champion's pre-fight nastiness.

Greyhound-lean and Hagler-mean, he is best given a wide berth at this stage of the countdown. Those who are accustomed to the ritual try to stay away from him. On the other hand, the uninitiated, like the swarm of reporters who attempted to corner Hagler thirty-six hours before he was to step into the ring against Caveman Lee and ask him questions about the *Hearns* fight were literally asking to get their heads bitten off.

Which they did.

The hallmark of Hagler's virtuosity is his adaptability. He is, unlike many great fighters, highly versatile. Searching for comparisons, one always winds up with Leonard. He can box, he can punch, he can brawl, he can dance—left or right-handed. He has a facility for snapping hooks and jabs at the point of impact, and can rip apart an opponent's face like a skilled surgeon. (Minter; Autuofermo II.) He can conduct a clinic in the art of boxing that leaves an opponent looking like a humiliated pupil. (Obelmejias.) He can swarm all over a foe like some sort of deranged and sadistic maniac, producing the very real impression that, uninterrupted, he just might kill the guy. (Loucif Hamani.) He can go to the trenches and brawl head-to-head with the street mugger. (Antuofermo I.) Given an intense dislike for an opponent, he can carry him all right, punishing him severely without sacrificing a single round. (Hamsho.) Or he can go out at the bell and simply devastate an opponent by pounding him into submission before half a round has elapsed. (Seales; Caveman Lee.)

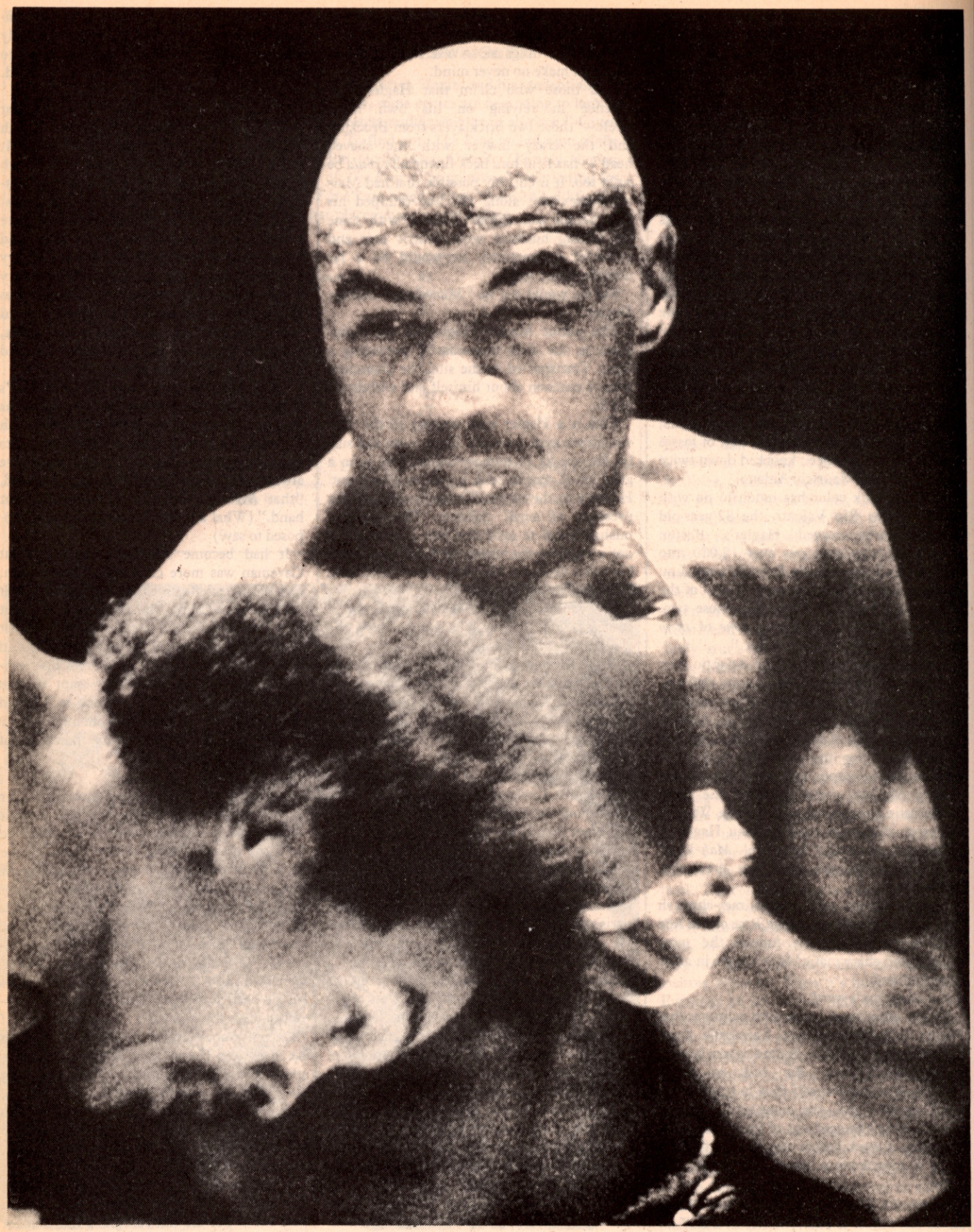
It was over half a minute into the fight before Hagler so much as threw a punch against Lee, but it was a thing of beauty. It started off as a straight jab, but in mid-punch Hagler saw the opening, and wound up hitting Caveman with a right hand that almost tore his head off. He threw seventeen more punches in the sixty-seven second fight, and every one of them landed. But it was the very first that rocked Lee for good. When Larry Hazzard mercifully stopped it, Caveman was splayed across the ropes. The referee cradled him in his arms and eased him to the canvas, where he sat, dazed and blinking as if he had just been hatched from an egg.

"The fight was over," said the challenger's father Rabbi Lee, who used to work as Hagler's chauffeur when Marvin fought in Philadelphia several times a half-dozen years ago, "as soon as he landed that first one. "I've always said," conceded Emanuel Steward, "that Marvin's best punch was his right hand." (What *else* was Emanuel Steward supposed to say?)

It had become startlingly apparent that Caveman was more crow than Cro-magnon. But if Hagler effectively ended the Lee fight with a single blow, the same punch might well have TKO'd the Hearns fight. The Hit Man was at ringside, a less-than-bemused spectator as he watched, wide-eyed, his teammate's destruction. ("I didn't want to give Tommy too much tape to look at," joked Hagler afterward.) From that moment on, he and Steward have given every indication of wanting no part of Hagler.

If boxing politics separated Marvin Hagler from a title shot for, literally, years after it was due, so do they continue to wreak havoc with the present course of his career. As the undisputed champion, he is continually beset by the contradictory, obtuse, and self-serving rules of *both* the WBA and the WBC. Ironically, the fact that he *is* the undisputed champion—meaning that he has to pay obediance to both ruling bodies—has proved something of a hindrance, because he has to juggle both crowns while simultaneously trying to push his own career in the direction of the big money fight. Negotiating with a Leonard or a Hearns or a Benitez, for example, becomes increasingly complicated when the WBA is breathing down your neck, threatening to strip you unless you sign to fight someone or something named Fulgencio Obelmejias, known as "Fully Obel" for short, but not for long.

It was not until January, for example, that the Hagler camp was informed by telegram that the WBA did not recognize the October



fight against Hamsho as a mandatory defense. In the meantime, Obelmejias had been re-elevated to the WBA's #1 ranking—on the strength of one fight, a knockout over Chong-Pal Park, who could not break an egg roll. The Venezuelans, however, seem to have been mollified somewhat by the promise of a spot on any Hagler-Hearns undercard, with a guarantee of meeting the winner. (The Hagler people had hoped to match Obelmejias with Frank "The Animal" Fletcher, which presumably would have disposed of *that* thorny problem once and forever.) Obelmejias seems to have lowered his sights somewhat after witnessing Hagler against Lee. In an Atlantic City bar that night, when asked about Fletcher, Obelmejias replied he would be fighting "Holmes" instead. No, not Larry Holmes; *Lindell* Holmes, who is, by any standard, the sixth-ranking middleweight—behind Hearns, Davison, Goodwin, Lee, and Bernard Mays—in *Detroit*.

The WBC, under Sr. Sulaiman, requires a mandatory defense only once a year. That won't occur until October, and by then the "Raider of the Lost Artifacts" may be doing time in some Mexican sneezer, but on the probably-correct presumption that Tony Sibson will still be that organization's top contender, Mickey Duff is already maneuvering to send that fight to purse offers in the hope of staging it in England. Which, given his last experience there, is just about the last place Marvin Hagler wants to defend his title.

In truth, then, we're really not speaking of a *unified* title at all, but a diversified one, and what the future holds could well depend upon how bold Hagler chooses to be in flouting the two WB's. When Leonard and Hearns met to unify the welterweight title, for instance, the contract made no mention of either organization or either title: they agreed to meet in Las Vegas at 147 pounds, and the WBA and WBC were informed after the fact that if they wanted to come along for the ride, they were welcome to. (Both, of course, meekly did.)

It could well be, then, that at some point Hagler could decide that his claim to the undisputed championship is so secure that he is, in effect, bigger than both of them, and set out on his own course, confident that no attempt to replace him as champion would be taken seriously, *anywhere*. As the Lee fight demonstrated, he is head and shoulders above the rest of the division—Caveman was ranked in the top ten by *both*WB's—and Hagler against virtually anyone is going to be labeled a gross mismatch.

"If you're going to be the best," says Hagler, "you have to fight the best." And Marvin Hagler, for one, is perfectly willing to let the public decide who that might be, WBA and WBC notwithstanding—And no opponent left standing.

HAGLER-HEARNS: THE PICKS

MICHAEL KATZ, Boxing Writer, N.Y. Times—"This is not a good fight for Hagler, though I think he'll win. Hearns is dangerous because he can jab and move and punch with authority. What this comes down to is a great middleweight fighting a great welterweight. Hagler is just to strong for Hearns."

SAOUL MAMBY, WBC Jr. Welterweight Champion—"This will be a helluva' fight. I've gotta' go with Hagler by decision in a hard fight."

VICTOR VALLE, Trainer, Gerry Cooney—"I like Hagler. He's always in great shape. He's also one of the finest southpaws I've ever seen."

MARV ALBERT, NBC-TV Boxing Commentator—"I think Hagler will stop Hearns by a TKO in round nine."

BOBBY GOODMAN, Matchmaker, Don King Promotions—"Tommy remains as one of the finest welterweights in the world. But a middleweight? No!"

LUIS RODRIGUEZ, Press Agent, Larry Holmes—"Hagler should stop him around the 10th round."

BILL PREZANT, Trainer, Michael Dokes—"It'll be a tough fight for both. If Hearns gets lucky he'll win. Without the luck, Hagler will take it."

BARNEY NAGLER, Columnist, Daily Racing Form—"Hagler will win. He offers no target, is sturdy, takes a punch and is stubbornly competent. His weight advantage will not be a factor, just as Hearns' height advantage will not enter into the proceedings. The fight will go 15 rounds."

DENNIS RAPPAPORT, Co-Manager, Gerry Cooney—"Hagler will knock Hearns out in the sixth. This is a gross mismatch!"

ED SCHUYLER, Boxing Writer, AP—"Hagler in 11—and Benitez beats them both!"

BERT ALLEN, Boxing Writer, Reuters—"I like Hearns to win by TKO in 11."

BILL GALLO, Boxing Columnist, N.Y. Daily News—"I think Hearns has the tools to win. I like him by decision."

MIKE JONES, Co-manager, Gerry Cooney—"Hagler will stop Hearns somewhere around the eighth to 10th round."

JOE BRUNO, Boxing Editor, News World—"I think Hagler will win by a late stoppage."

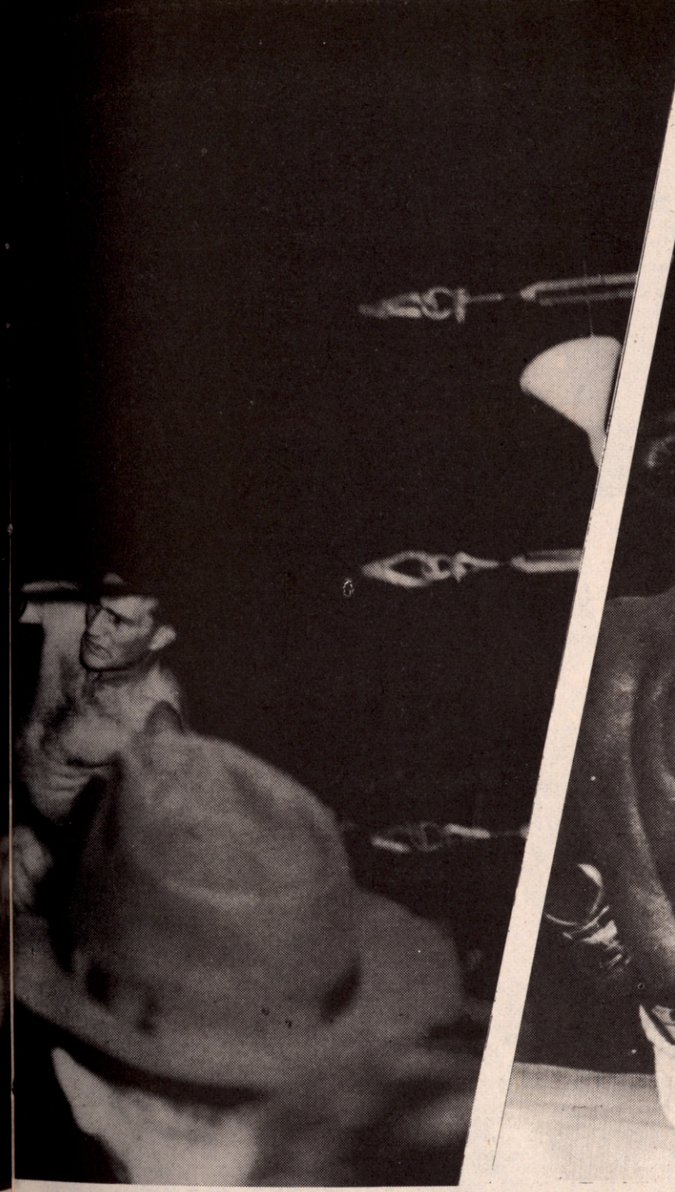
LEONARD LEWIN, Boxing Writer, N.Y. Post—"Hagler will win by decision. I don't think Hearns is strong enough to knock him out."

RAY ARCEL, Veteran Trainer—"As fine a fighter as Hearns is, something tells me Hagler is just gonna' be too strong for him."

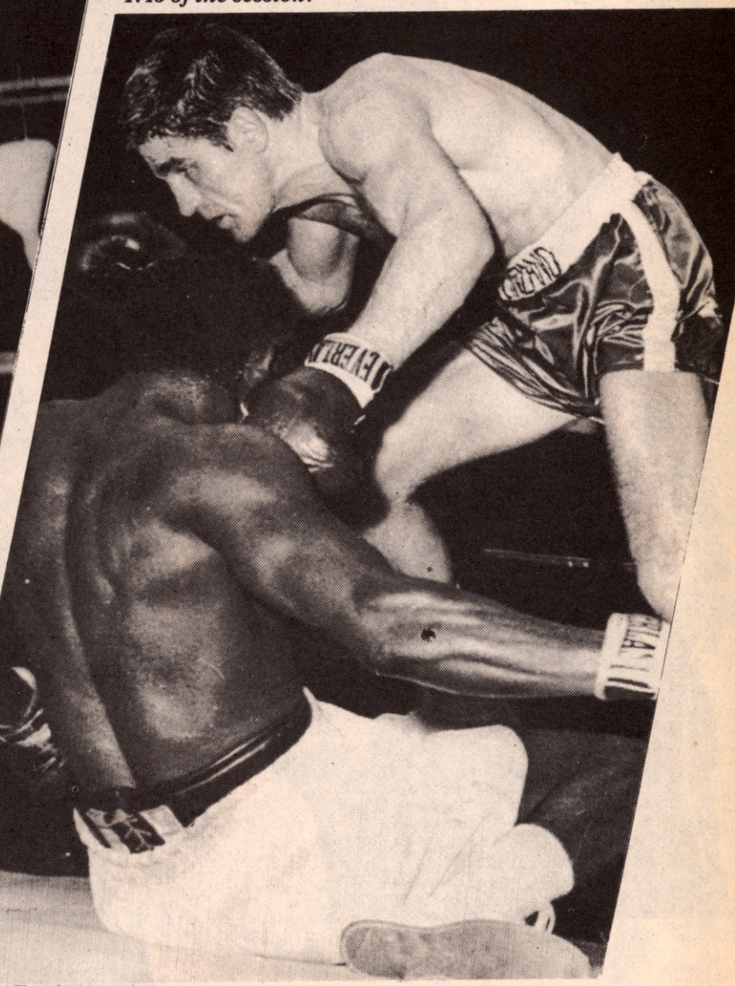
THOMAS HEARNS, Former Welterweight Champion—"I will knock out Marvin Hagler."

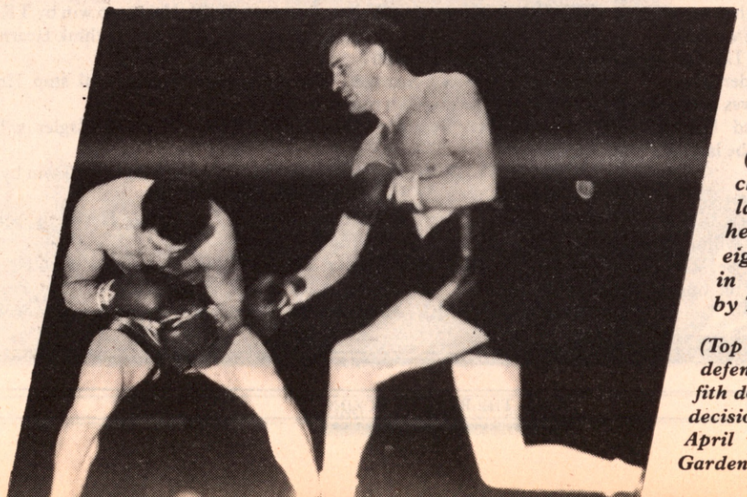
MARVIN HAGLER, Middleweight Champion—"Somebody tell me when to laugh!"

GREAT MIDDLE WEIGHT FIGHTS OF THE PAST



(Left) NBA middleweight champion Freddie Steele, is down in the first round against challenger Al Hostak in Seattle. Hostak won the title by a kayo in 1:43 of the session.





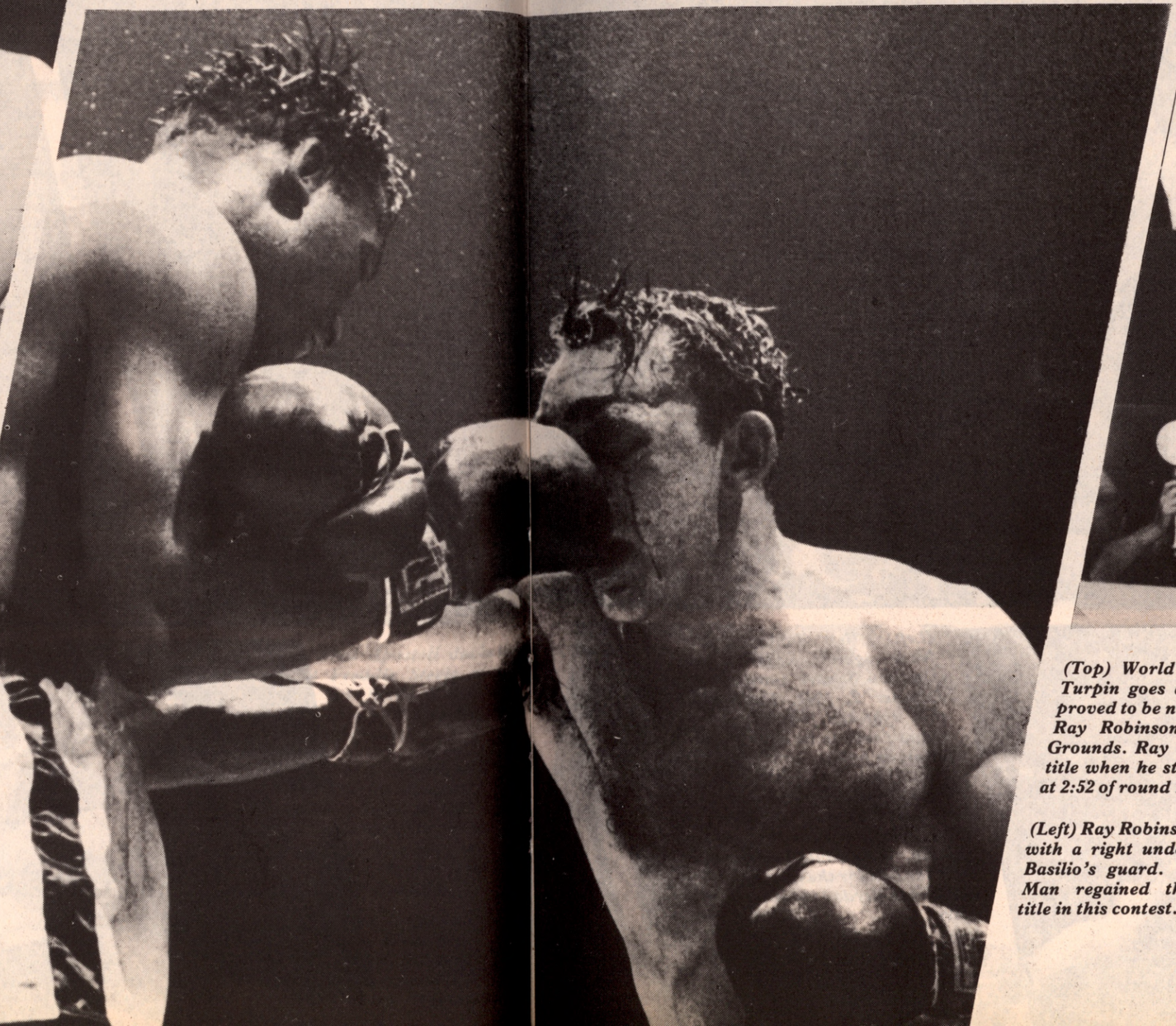
(Left) Fred Apostoli ducks low against Freddie Steele at the Garden on January 7, 1930. Apostoli won by a Knockout in this non-title bout.

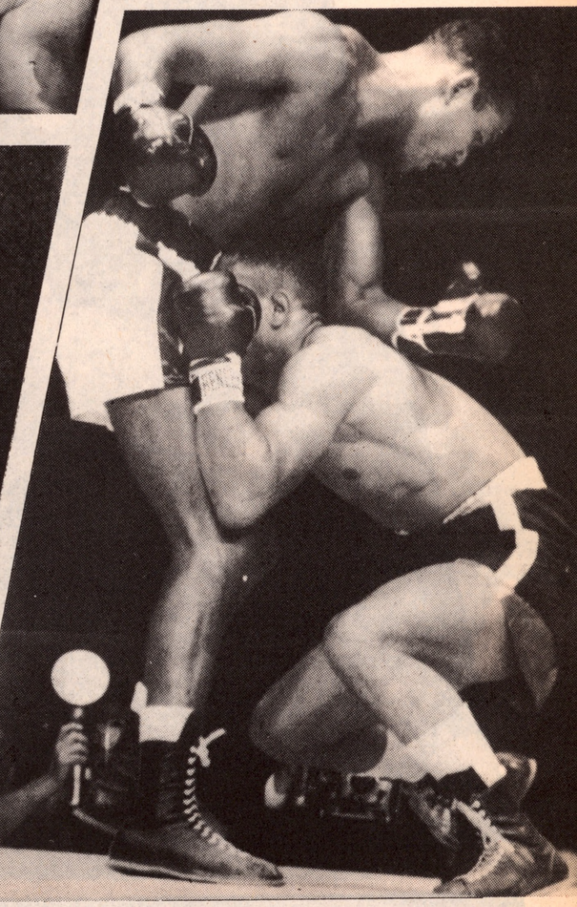
(right) World middleweight champion Carlos Monzon lands a hard right to the head of Emile Griffith in the eighth round of their title bout in Buenos Aires. Monzon won by TKO at 2:49 of round 14.

(Top right) Nino Benvenuti puts defending champion Emile Griffith down on his way to a 15-round decision and the championship, April 17, 1967, Madison Square Garden.

(Left) Blood streams from Gene Fullmer's nose near the end of the fifth round against Sugar Ray Robinson in Los Angeles Sports Arena. The decision was a draw.

(Right) NBA champion Fullmer misses with a right to the head of champion Dick Tiger in San Francisco's Candlestick Park. Tiger won the crown with a unaninous decision.



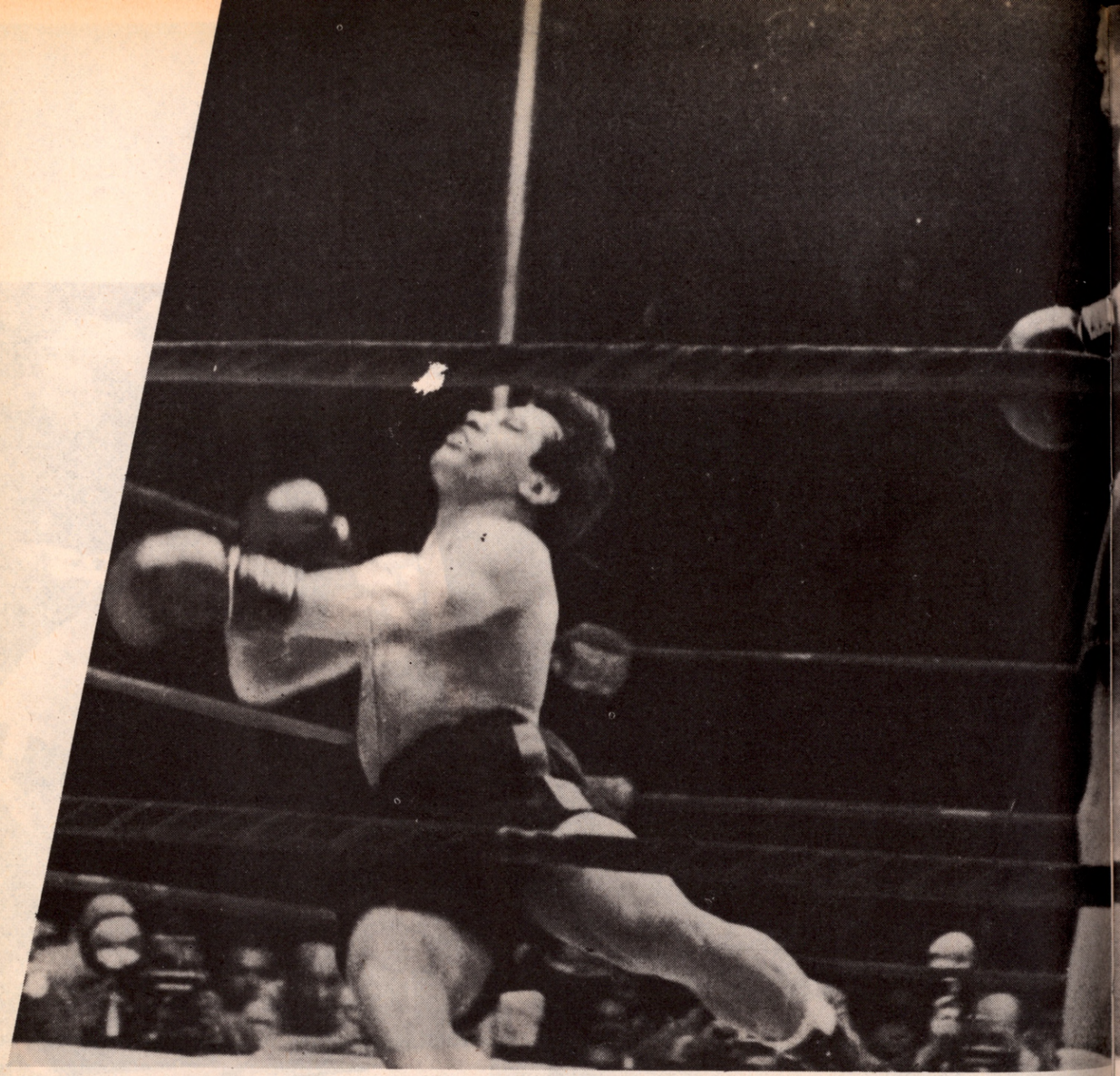


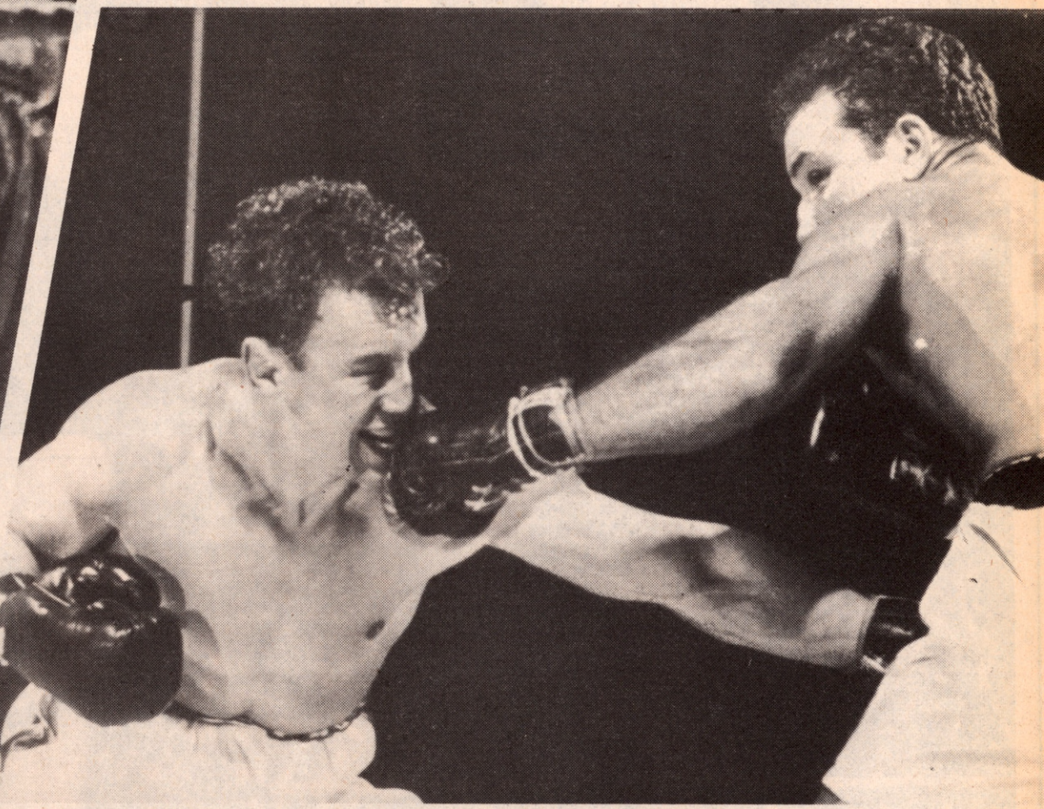
(Top) World champ Randy Turpin goes down for what proved to be no count against Ray Robinson in the Polo Grounds. Ray won back the title when he stopped Randy at 2:52 of round 10.

(Left) Ray Robinson connects with a right under Carmen Basilio's guard. The Sugar Man regained the middle title in this contest.

(Left) Tony Zale knocks out Rocky Graziano in the third round to regain the crown in Newark's Ruppert Stadium. This marked their third and final meeting.

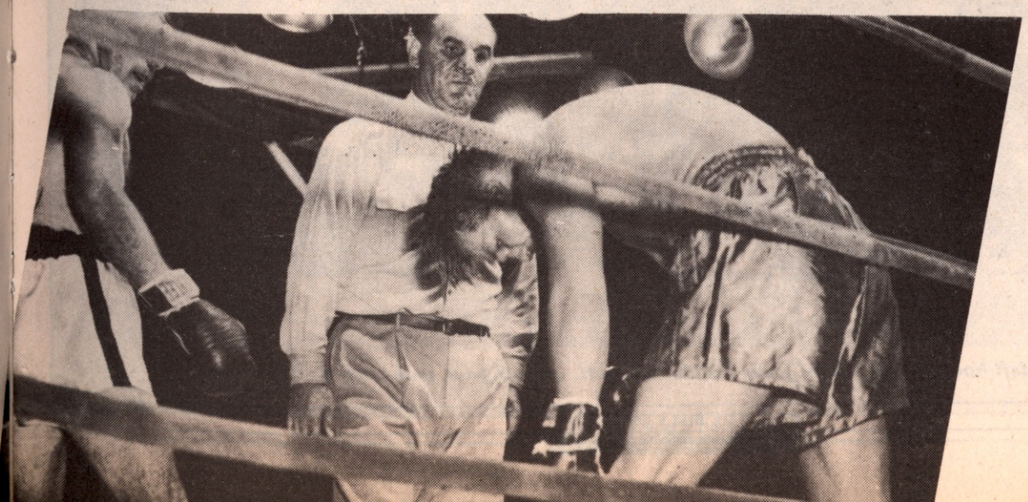
(Right) Jake LaMotta and Laurent Dauthuille exchange lefts in round seven. LaMotta, who was far behind points, rallied to Kayo Dauthuille with 13 seconds left in the last round.





(Left) Ray Robinson defends against LaMotta at Madison Square Garden on October 2, 1942. Ray won this fight the first of what would prove to be a six-bout series, on points.

(Right) Tony Zale sinks to the canvas at the end of round 11 of his title bout with Marcel Cerdan. Tony could not answer the bell for the next session giving Cerdan the world crown.



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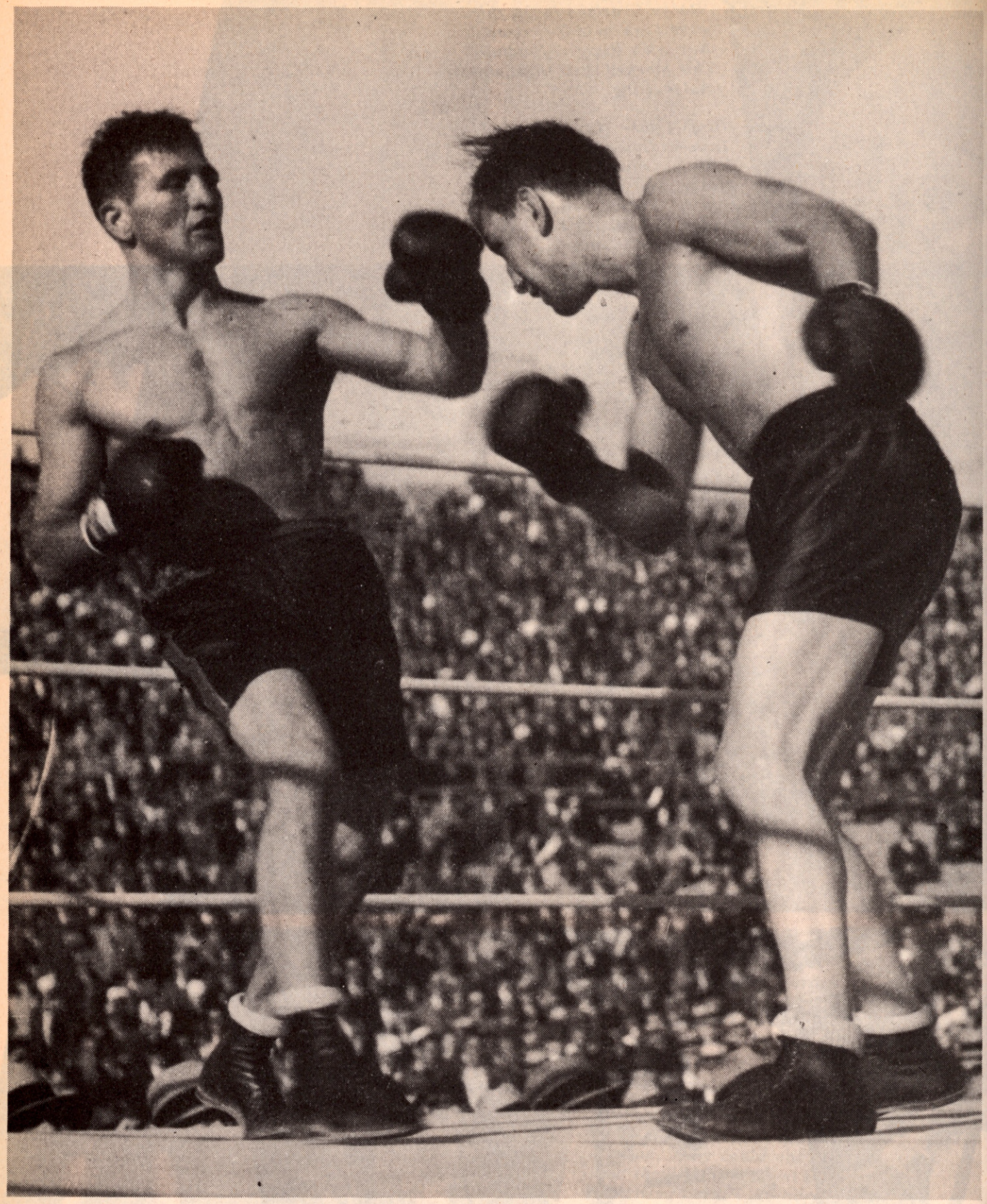

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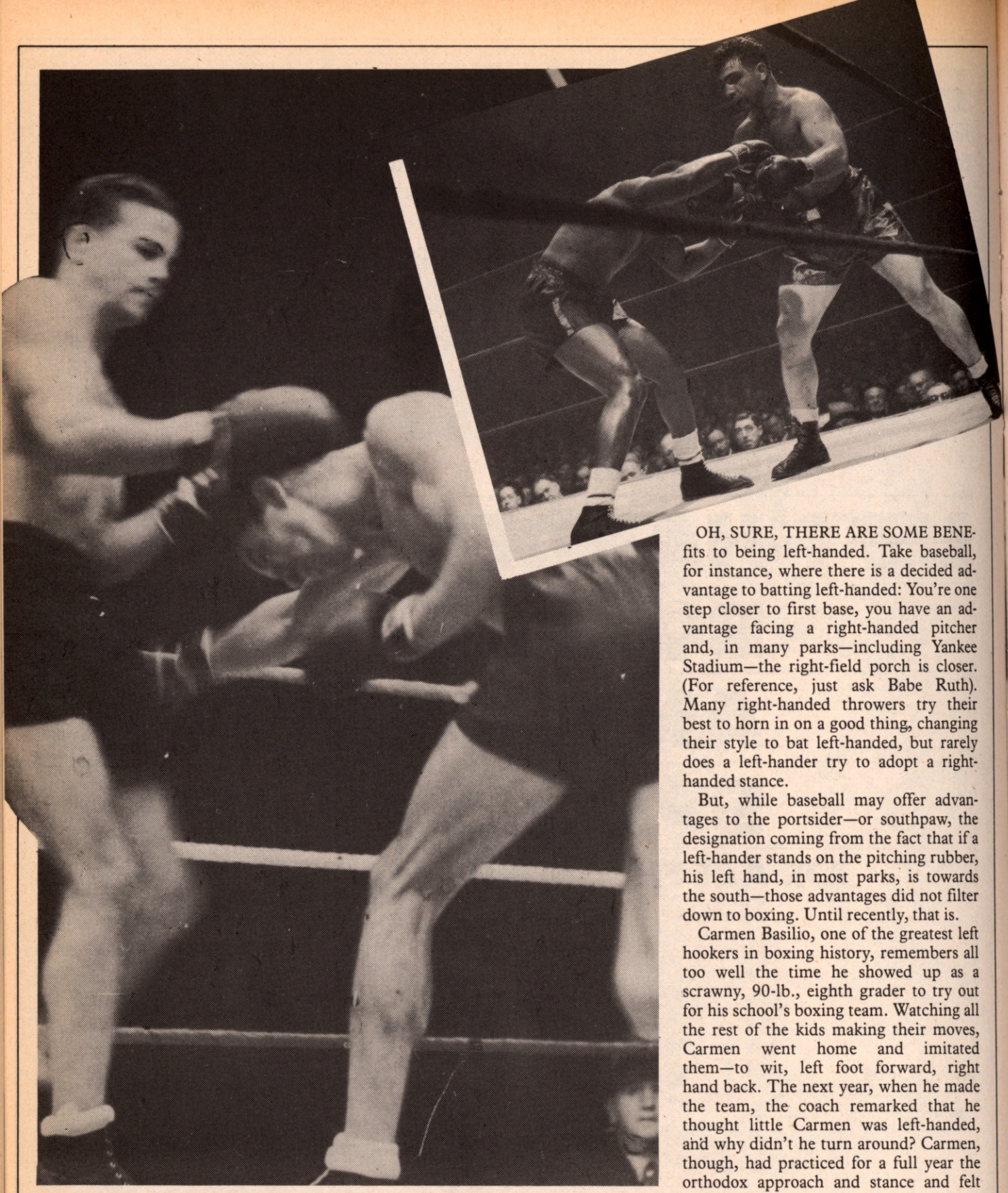
HIGH SOUNDING words to the contrary, all men are *not* created equal. If you happen to be left-handed, you've no doubt noticed that you live in a world of right-handed people. Starting from the day you first went to school and had to endure a desk specially constructed for right-handed kids straight through to the simple chore of shaking hands—the right hand, remember?—with another, you've found that you were part of a minority discriminated against by society. In fact, the minority party in Congress sits on the left-hand side of the chamber, reenforcing the place society puts its left-handed people. And, if there were any doubts about how lefties are viewed by others, then all you have to do is look up the French word for "left" and you'll find it translates into "gauche," a word meaning "awkward, tactless, lacking grace." Got the picture?

BY BEN SHARAV

ARE LEFT-HANDED BOXERS AN ENDANGERED SPECIES?

OR ARE THEY MAKING A COMEBACK?

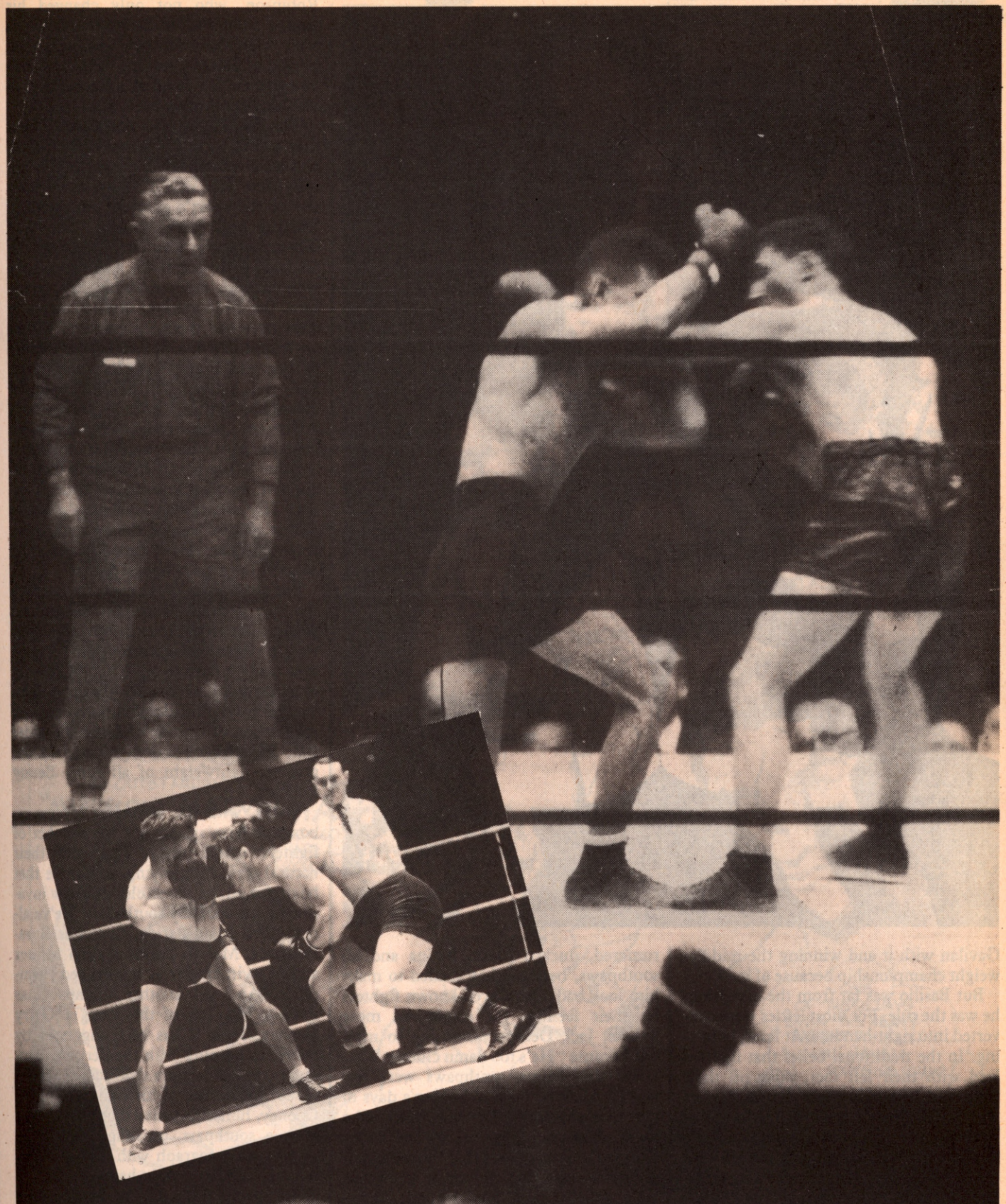


(Insert) Former light heavyweight champ Bettina loses a 10-round decision to "interim" heavyweight champ Jimmy Bivins. (Above) Freddie Miller uses his southpaw stance to adroitly escape the orthodox rush of Nel Tarleton on way to 15-round decision and recognition as featherweight champ, September 21, 1934.

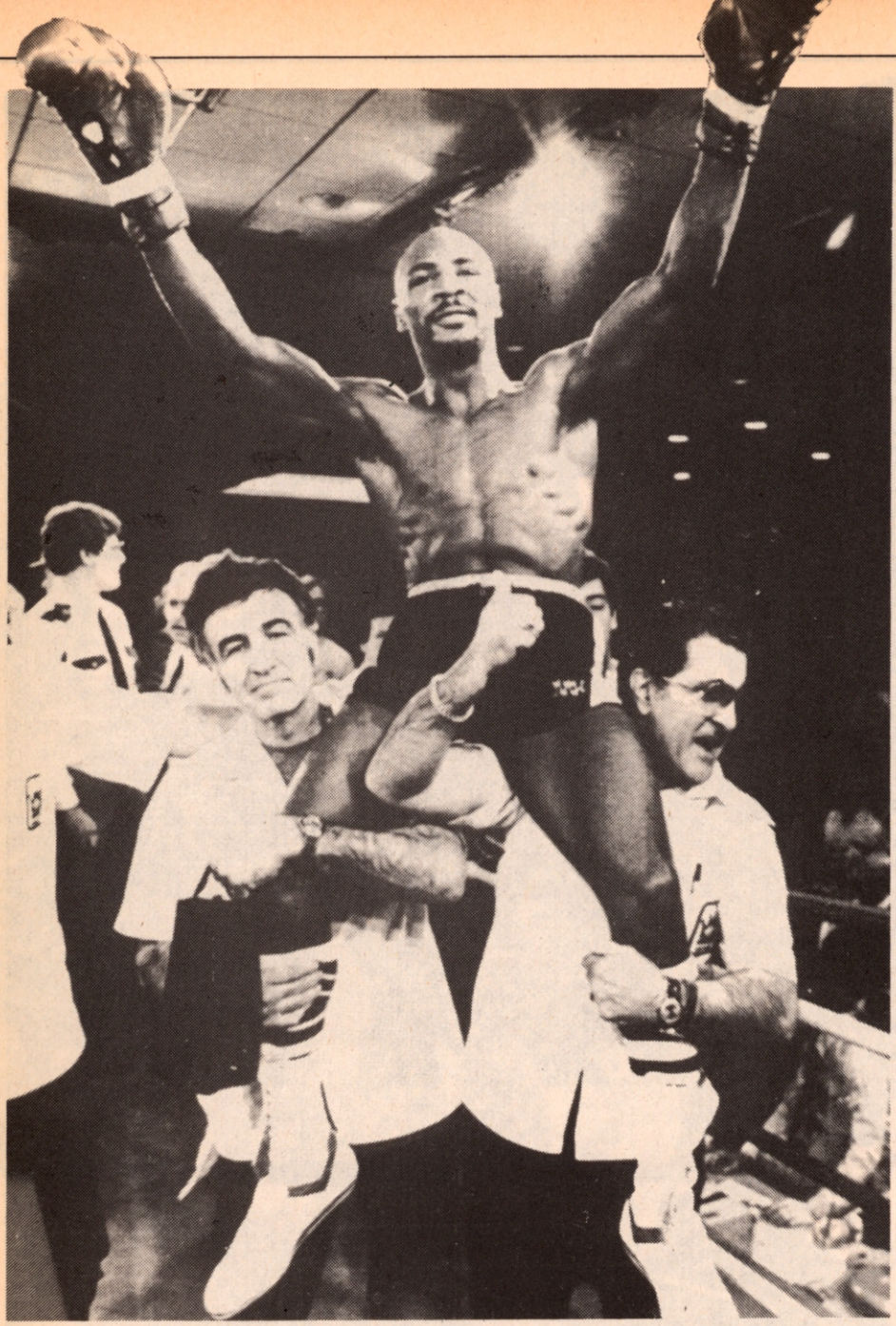
OH, SURE, THERE ARE SOME BENEfits to being left-handed. Take baseball, for instance, where there is a decided advantage to batting left-handed: You're one step closer to first base, you have an advantage facing a right-handed pitcher and, in many parks—including Yankee Stadium—the right-field porch is closer. (For reference, just ask Babe Ruth). Many right-handed throwers try their best to horn in on a good thing, changing their style to bat left-handed, but rarely does a left-hander try to adopt a right-handed stance.

But, while baseball may offer advantages to the portsider—or southpaw, the designation coming from the fact that if a left-hander stands on the pitching rubber, his left hand, in most parks, is towards the south—those advantages did not filter down to boxing. Until recently, that is.

Carmen Basilio, one of the greatest left hookers in boxing history, remembers all too well the time he showed up as a scrawny, 90-lb., eighth grader to try out for his school's boxing team. Watching all the rest of the kids making their moves, Carmen went home and imitated them—to wit, left foot forward, right hand back. The next year, when he made the team, the coach remarked that he thought little Carmen was left-handed, and why didn't he turn around? Carmen, though, had practiced for a full year the orthodox approach and stance and felt comfortable as a converted southpaw. Moving up in class as well as classes, Carmen took apart everything in front of him with that educated left hook, decking Kid



The great Benny Leonard blocks a Lew Tendler right to the jaw. Tendler was one of the greatest lightweights in an era when great lightweights flourished. (Insert) European middleweight champion Edouard Tenet and former welterweight and middle kingpin Lou Brouillard fight to a draw in Paris on St. Patrick's Day in 1938.



Gavilan with it and winning the middleweight championship because of it.

But Basilio was far from the exception; he was the rule. For most lefties were converted into right-handers. At least, in boxing. In the traditional belief that fighters lead with their left foot, push off their right and bring the right across, boxers who fought out of a left-hander's stance were looked upon in much the same way as motorists who drive down the left side of a two-way American thoroughfare—menaces who should not be licensed, or, at the very least, should be judiciously avoided.

And avoided they were. Louis, it was rumored, ducked Melio Betina and all southpaws, because they tended to make him look bad. Other well-known fighters let their feelings for southpaws more known, Jack Dempsey refusing to meet one because "He's too damn clumsy."

For that reason southpaws were few and far between back in boxing's days of old. One old-timer, Bob McQuiller, who today trains young fighters at New York's Gleason's Gym, recalls that "years ago, if a kid was just starting out, a southpaw, we'd usually turn him around. Sometimes it worked out real good. He'd have a real good left hook." And converted southpaws like Joe Frazier and Sugar Ray Robinson, who not only changed his named from Walker Smith, but also his style from the southpaw stance he employed at Salem Crescent, would be able to use their left hand as a formidable, as well as natural, weapon.

The list of those who would rather fight than switch includes several recognizable, and semi-recognizable, names, but, ironically, few who would figure in anyone's list of the sport's greatest practitioners. Starting back with William "Bendigo" Thompson, who won the heavyweight title back in 18-ought-40, southpaws have won titles in every division. But, somehow, the middleweight division seems to have been the special preserve of lefties, with Lou Brouillard, Al McCoy, Johnny Wilson and Tiger Flowers all southpaws and, not incidentally, all middleweight champs. It is a rich history that has been added to with two more southpaw champs, Alan Minter and Marvin Hagler.

Other lefties who were kings of their respective mountains included Young Corbett III, welterweight champ, Freddie Miller, featherweight champ and, more recently, Cornelius Boza-Edwards and Marvin Johnson, amongst many.

But champions to the contrary, perhaps the two greatest southpaws never held world titles: Knockout Brown, the lightweight whose pigeon-toes and crossed eyes made it hard to tell if he was coming or going and Lew Tendler, the great lightweight from Philadelphia, who had the misfortune of coming along at the same time the division was dominated by the greatest lightweight of all time, Benny Leonard.

Today, with the Olympics serving as boxing's farm system and the number of fighters who'd rather stay with their natural style multiplying, it may be that boxing is on the threshold of a new invasion of the sport by southpaws. We've already had Mate Parlov, Cornelius Boza-Edwards, Marvin Johnson, Alan Minter and Marvin Hagler as left-handed champions. And yet another southpaw has risen to the top of the heap in Gerry Cooney, or so it has been suggested by many, in keeping with the derisive comments that he is more than somewhat deficient in the use of his right. However, Cooney, himself, denied that he had ever been a southpaw, insisting, even while signing an autograph with his left hand, that he was always right-handed.

Ah, maybe those days of denying your birthright will come to an end one day soon, with southpaws the dominant force. And that will be one helluva turnaround.

WILLIAM "BENDIGO" THOMPSON WAS PROBABLY THE FIRST (1839) LEFTY CHAMPION.

...LATER BECAME A PREACHER TO ATONE FOR MY SIN!

ALAS — LEFT-HANDED HAS ALWAYS BEEN A NAUGHTY WORD IN BOXING CIRCLES.

AN' HEAVEN HELP SOUTHPAWS WHO SHOWED ANY RING SKILLS!

ALTHOUGH NEVER A CHAMP—LEFTY

-LEW TENDLER-

IS RANKED AS ONE OF THE GREATEST. HE LOST BUT 11-OF-180 BATTLES.

THE FIRST BLACK LEFTY KING? ...NONE OTHER THAN THE "GEORGIA DEACON", **TIGER FLOWERS** OF MIDDLEWEIGHT FAME, IN 1926!

FEATHER-WEIGHT

LEFTY FREDDY MILLER SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDED NINE TIMES BETWEEN 1933 AND '36!

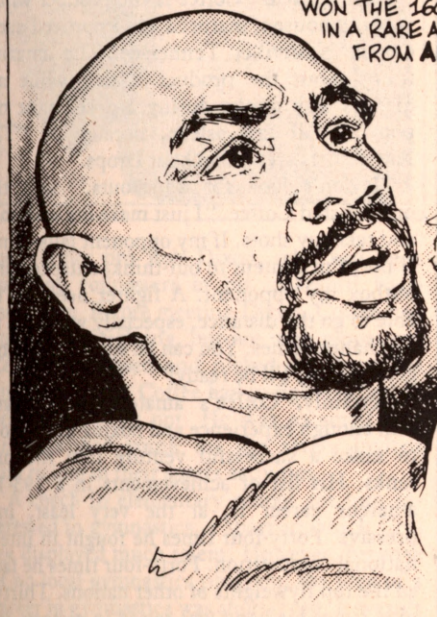
IT WASN'T 'TIL 1914 THAT MODERN BOXING HAD A PORT-SIDE CHAMP— 160-POUNDER AL MCCOY!

'BOUT TIME!

LEFTIES HAVE HAD MUCH SUCCESS IN THE MIDDLEWEIGHT DIVISION. TALENTED **JOHNNY WILSON** REIGNED FROM 1920 TO 1923!

THAT'S WHAT I CALL A REAL DREAM FIGHT!

AN OUTSTANDING CURRENT FAVORITE, **"MARVELOUS" MARVIN HAGLER**, WON THE 160-LB CROWN IN A RARE ALL-LEFTY WAR FROM ALAN MINTER.



LEFTIES UNITE

...THOSE EXCITING FELLAS HAVE LEFT ME IN THE COLD!

...ONE OF THESE DAYS EVEN THE HEAVY-WEIGHT DIVISION MAY HAVE A PORTSIDE CHAMP!

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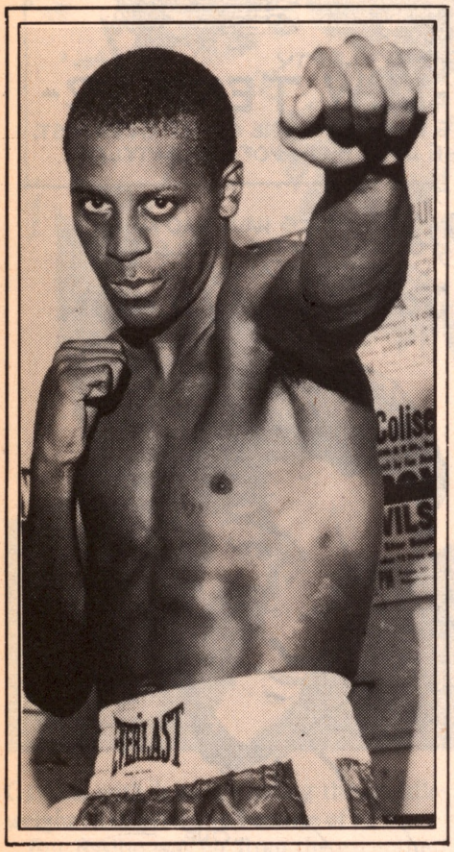
"CHARLIE" LEFTY SCRIBBLER" M·GILL ~THE RING~

NEW FACES



"SWEET" IRVING MITCHELL

BY THE TIME FEATHERWEIGHT "SWEET" Irving Mitchell had finished his duties in the United States Army and was ready to embark on a professional boxing career, he had accumulated enough boxing decorations to make a Four-Star General cry.

His medals of combat included eight gold medals in International competition, the All-Army and Inter-Service championships and the AAU and National Golden Gloves titles. He was ranked No. 1 in the United States and had won 155 of 161 fights.

Mitchell's amateur credentials were so impressive that his co-manager, Wes Wambold, once pleaded with a reporter not to write how many amateur fights he'd won because it would frighten away opponents. Some managers should have such problems.

Like Thomas Hearns, Mitchell was not considered a knockout specialist as an amateur. Of his 155 victories, only seven did not last the three-round limit. But in Hearns' fashion, Mitchell gunned down his first 10 opponents, with only three making it to the second round.

"I was worried," said Wambold. "His best punch is a straight left, but he never got to throw it in a fight because the right always gets them first." Some managers should have such problems.

But the 22-year old Mitchell is lucky to possess power in both hands because in his eleventh fight, he hurt his left hand against Jose Resendez and was forced to box the majority of the fight one-handed. He still pulled out a unanimous 10-round decision.

His left hand continued to hamper him in his next fight against Rick Fowler and Mitchell was again extended to the limit. X-rays revealed a chipped bone in his hand and he wore a cast for the next two weeks. He has experienced no problems since he resumed training for his upcoming East Coast debut in Atlantic City against Terry Kemp.

Like many of the lighter American fighters, irving has been having trouble getting suitable opponents in his weight class and has been fighting a few pounds over the featherweight limit. "But," added Wambold, "He can still easily make it down to his true fighting weight of 126 pounds." Some managers should have such problems.

Right now, Mitchell, who is a native of Lafayette, Louisiana, had made his home in San Diego and is part of Wambold's "Green Machine" stable that includes middleweight Jim (The Heat) Kinchen and junior welterweight Perry (Schoolboy) McLemore. Wambold shares the managing chores with Bobby DePhilippis.

While most upcoming prospects brag about being ready for the world champion, "Sweet" Irving Mitchell is out to get one man, "Tomorrow's Champion" Bernard Taylor of Knoxville. Taylor beat Mitchell three times in the amateurs, including the finals of the U.S. Olympic Trials in 1980. All three were close decisions, but Mitchell swears he beat Taylor in the Trials.

"I don't know when I'll meet him again but I'll be ready," says Irving. "I'm not rushing myself but I'll get him next time."

A potential top ten fighter who wants to fight Bernard Taylor—boy, a manager should have such problems.

STEVE MEDWID

"SWEET" IRVING MITCHELL

Height: 5'9"
Weight: 126-130 pounds
Born: December 15, 1959
Amateur Record: 155-6

1981

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
June 12	David Young	San Diego	KO 1
July 1	Rocky Alonzo	Las Vegas	KO 1
July 22	Andy Matios	Las Vegas	KO 1
Aug. 1	Mario Fuentes	San Diego	KO 1
Aug. 19	Jose Sanchez	Las Vegas	KO 1
Sept. 2	Robert Garcia	Las Vegas	KO 1
Sept. 16	Tony Styles	Las Vegas	KO 3
Oct. 2	Lupe Sanchez	San Diego	KO 1
Oct. 14	Pablo Gomez	Las Vegas	KO 5
Nov. 4	Jose Pozos	Las Vegas	KO 2
Nov 18	Ricky Gutierrez	Las Vegas	KO 3
Dec. 9	Jose Resendez	Las Vegas	W 10

1982

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 30	Rick Fowler	Las Vegas	W 8

Summary

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KO'S
13	13	0	0	11

JEROME COFFEE

THERE'S A NEW COFFEE AVAILABLE FOR public consumption, one even Dr. Marcus Welby would gladly endorse. It contains no caffeine, yet keeps even listless audiences wide awake.

Jerome "Kid" Coffee is the product which is being housed, matured and improved every day in Nashville, Tennessee. The amazing thing about the product is that while audiences stay awake during a dose, most opponents fall fast asleep, because in "The Kid's" fists are "Knockout Drops."

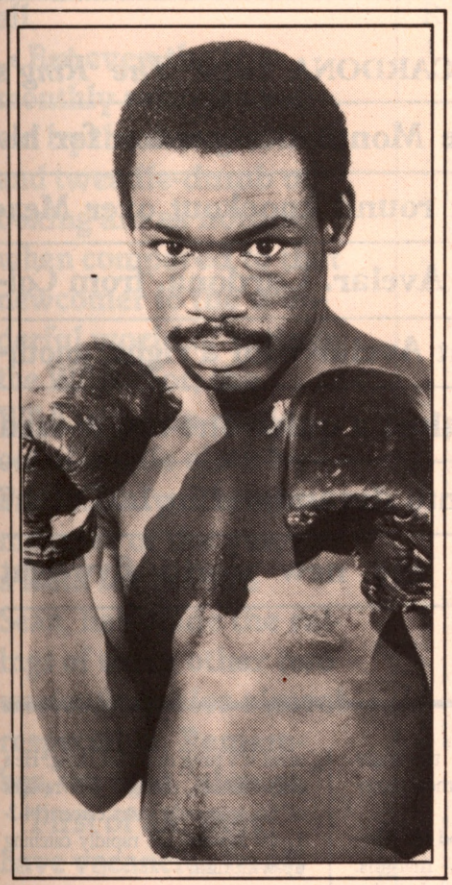
"I don't look for knockouts," says the quick-fisted Coffee. "I just make my openings and take my shots. If my opponent falls—fine. If not, I'm content to out-think, outspeed and outbox my opponent. A fighter needs to be able to go the distance, especially when his title chance comes. You can be sure that when I get my shot, I'll be ready!"

Certainly, Coffee's amateur career gave him enough experience and boxing know-how to make a successful venture into the pro ranks. His list of achievements in a 193-12 amateur career is, at the very least, impressive. Forty-four times he fought in international competition. Forty-four times he faced the top flyweights of other nations. Thirty-nine times his hand was raised in victory, in-

cluding victories over the best from the Soviet Union, Cuba, Yugoslavia, Romania, Venezuela, Poland and Israel. Coffee was also a two-time National Golden Gloves champion, as well as a National AAU titlist.

When Coffee's outstanding amateur record is combined with the amateur records of two of his hometownbuddies—world-rated junior middleweight Clint Jackson and title-bound junior welterweight Johnny "Bump City" Bumphus—the figure (725-43) represents the most victories by a trio of fighters from one city in the history of boxing.

Coffee, who has been following boxing since shortly before his sixth birthday—when he saw Cassius Clay dethrone Sonny Liston—hadn't given any thought of a career in boxing until the seventh grade, when he



met former pro Bob Dixon, who had been coaching youngsters in his makeshift basement gym. Before meeting Dixon, Coffee had done lots of fighting, but not with gloves on. Constantly teased and picked on about his diminutive size, Coffee had to fight—whether he wanted to or not. He was so small that neighborhood youth his age rarely invited him to join in their sports activities.

A coach in elementary school got him interested in gymnastics, a sport in which Coffee displayed much talent. However, because of no local gymnastics program, the idea of a career in gymnastics was short-lived. It wasn't until he met Dixon and a local tough guy named Van Buren that Coffee knew where his life was going.

"Van Buren told me he had a chance at a career as a professional athlete," explained Coffee, "but let the opportunity slip away. He told me not to allow the same thing to happen to me. Believe me, I won't!"

Coffee's life has done an about-face since his talk with Van Buren. Not only in boxing, but in other facets of life, has Coffee's life improved. In high school, he become a gifted tailor, designing and sewing his own clothes. He also became an honor student, a distinction he continues to wear proudly in his sophomore year at Tennessee State University.

"Jerome has the ability to go all the way," said Stan Allen, the personable Nashville attorney who serves as Coffee's manager.

"We've taken a few fights as a bantamweight, but that's because it's hard finding American flyweights who are good enough to give Jerome any kind of fight. But he has no trouble making 112 pounds."

In one of his most recent bouts, Coffee decisioned heavier Fernando Martinez over eight rounds, having to fight the last six rounds with a right hand he injured in the first round and a left hand he injured in the second round.

This is one serving of coffee everyone is sure to love.

RANDY GORDON

JEROME COFFEE

Height: 5′4″
Weight: 112 pounds
Born: March 16, 1958
Amateur Record: 193-12

1980

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Oct. 23	Tommy Wilson	Memphis, Tenn.	KO 2

1981

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Apr. 30	Tommy Wilson	Memphis, Tenn.	KO 2
May 7	Randy Edens	Nashville, Tenn.	W 6
June 6	Juan Gomez	Tupelo, Miss.	KO 2
June 26	Greg Wright	Nashville, Tenn.	KO 1
Oct. 8	Donald Alston	Tampa. Fla.	W 4
Dec. 10	Juan Nieves	Atlantic City, N.J.	KO 7

1982

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Feb. 10	Johnny Clark	Atlanta, Ga.	KO 2
Feb. 28	Fernando Martinez	Atlantic City, N.J.	W 8

Summary

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KO'S
9	9	0	0	6

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RINGSIDE REPORTS

FIGHT OF THE MONTH

FLETCHER-BRAXTON
USBA Middleweight Title

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—They've started to merchandise Frank (The Animal) Fletcher. The Sands Hotel Casino (scene of his last three fights) sold T-shirts bearing his likeness and put a package of animal crackers on every table. The crowning touch was a specially-dubbed, disco version of the "Animal" chant, played at earsplitting volume as Fletcher made his grand entrance. The big question, however, remains: Will Frank's face hold up long enough for him to cash in on his growing popularity? Once again, he was forced to absorb frightful punishment around the eyes before a ripsnorting stretch drive enabled him to retain his USBA crown with a blood-splattered, 12-round decision over Tony Braxton.

Braxton, who only recently revealed that, at 30, he is older than brother Dwight, entered the contest secure in the knowledge that he had drawn and outpointed Fletcher during their preliminary days. Both bouts, held in Rahway while Tony was still incarcerated, were mini-wars. The rubber match was no different. They clawed at each other for the entire 12 rounds, fighting like a couple of alley cats trapped in a gunny sack.

Fletcher's initial attack was thwarted by Braxton's slippery movement and artful dodging. Tony is no chump, and he knew that to stand toe-to-toe would be foolish, if not downright suicidal. His plan was to avoid early involvment, hoping Frank would blow himself out. It was a good plan, probably the only one open to him. Unfortunately for Tony, it didn't work.

The Animal was in prime condition (for a change), and was prepared to go all-out, all the way, in his typical do-or-die style. As it turned out, it was Braxton who tired, not Frank, and therein lies the story of the fight; Frank's pressure, as much as punch, wore down Tony's mobility, and eventually, overtook it.

Although he was tight the first few rounds, Fletcher scored often, after that, with his southpaw jabs and follow-up left hooks. Braxton countered sharply, splicing in precision one-twos that ripped open the tender scar tissue around both eyes. The only problem was, he didn't throw enough of them. As the fight progressed, his punch-rate declined and a pained look crossed his face.

"I'm a better endurance fighter," Fletcher reported later, "and I knew he'd run out of gas."

From the sixth on, blood streamed down Fletcher's face from a wicked gash over his right eye. The sight of his own blood merely served to spur him on. You could almost see the steam coming out of the Animal's nostrils as he stomped after his tormentor, set on total destruction.

"I wasn't worried about it at all," said Fletcher. "The blood was going in there like a dot sometimes. That's all."

Braxton, 156¾, gradually faded as the battle wore on. Although he still stung Fletcher with sporadic bursts of punching, survival replaced winning as his major concern. In the last two rounds, Frank's left hook repeatedly found the right side of Tony's face, almost completely closing the optic.

All three officials voted for Fletcher, but by varied margins. Referee Tony Perez and judge Richard F. Murry had lopsided socres of 8-4 and 9-3, respectively. Judge Frank Brunette made it unanimous, but much closer at 6-5-1. *The Ring* also had the Animal up, 7-4-1.

"How do you get nine rounds?" shouted Lou Duva, Braxton's volatile manager. "Nine rounds is one-sided. I thought Tony lost the fight, but close."

The way Fletcher fights, one might think that they keep him chained up back in the locker room until it's time to do his thing. He's only human, though. The ravages of his relatively short career (14-2-1, 10 kayoes) are rapidly catching up with him.

"He just makes every fight tough," said promoter J. Russell Peltz. "There's no such thing as an easy fight for Frank Fletcher. My opinion is that Frank can't afford any warmup fights with his style. It just doesn't pay. Anybody can poke him in the eye. Like Braxton did and open up a cut. It could happen in a little $5,000 fight as well as this one. And then where would he be?"

Where indeed. Fletcher is ranked highly, but Marvin Hagler has a

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

PRUDENCIO CARDONA cops *The Ring*'s Fighter of the Month designation for his stunning first round knockout over Mexico's Antonio Avelar. Cardona, from Colombia, caught Avelar with a right, another right, and then a quick one-two to send him far out into dreamland in 1:58 of the session. Hail the new world flyweight champion.

RING'S INTERNATIONAL RATINGS

We have taken to reading the WBA and the WBC ratings merely to keep our disgust fresh. For, if all their ratings were laid end-to-end, they'd still point in no direction at all.

But even the two monthly ratings sent out by the tweedle-dee and tweedle-dumb of boxing are as nothing when compared to that newcomer to the wonderful world of ratings: the WAA. For, the WAA, a group made out of whole cloth by Pat O'Grady, the mismanager of the year, as a front for his son Sean, has made the ratings of those other two unmentionables almost respectable. Remember, we said "almost."

First of all, they have vacancies in all 14 of their divisions, including the lightweight division, where, if memory serves me correctly, Andy Ganigan won the championship by beating Sean. He now is their third-ranked lightweight, having not notified their office of his intention to defend his easily-earned crown. Question: How does he find them to notify them?

They have mysteriously levitated Sean O'Grady, like Lazarus, to the number five-ranked welterweight despite the fact he has only fought twice in that division in his career, and did a quick bow-out of a fight with Edwin Viruet last February. And then there is the number-seven ranking in the heavyweight division of son-in-law Monte Masters, a 23-0 club fighter, at best.

Maybe, instead of issuing ratings, Pat O'Grady should merely get one of his daughters to marry Andy Ganigan. Then it could be an all-family affair, and he could send out wedding notices instead of ratings. And these would without postage due, as do his ratings.

BERT RANDOLPH SUGAR

RING RATINGS 40 YEARS AGO

From the April, 1942 issue of The Ring.

HEAVYWEIGHTS
World Champion
Joe Louis, Detroit, Mich.
1. Bob Pastor, Saratoga, N.Y.
2. Billy Conn, Pittsburgh, Pa.
3. Melio Bettina, Beacon, N.Y.
4. Turkey Thompson, Los Angeles
5. Lem Franklin, Cleveland, Ohio
6. Abe Simon, New York, N.Y.
7. Buddy Baer, Oakland, Calif.
8. Lou Nova, Alameda, Calif.
9. Alberto Lovell, Argentina
10. Roscoe Toles, Naftel, Ala.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
World Champion
Sammy Angott, Philadelphia, Pa.
1. Lenny Mancini, Youngstown, Ohio
2. Bob Montgomery, Philadelphia
3. Richie Lemos, Los Angeles, Calif.
4. Slugger White, Athens, Ga.
5. Juan Zurita, Mexico City, Mexico
6. Allie Stolz, Newark, N.J.
7. George Latka, San Jose, Calif.
8. Dave Castilloux, Montreal
9. Chester Rico, New York, N.Y.
10. Ray Lunny, San Francisco, Calif.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
World Champion
Gus Lesnevich, Cliffside, N.J.
1. Booker Beckwith, Chicago, Ill.
2. Jimmy Bivins, Cleveland, Ohio
3. Ken Overlin, Decatur, Illinois
4. Johnny Colan, New York, N.Y.
5. Billy Soose, Farell, Pa.
6. Anton Christoforidis, Greece
7. Joey Maxim, Cleveland, Ohio
8. Alabama Kid, Concord, Ga.
9. Tommy Tucker, Rockaway, N.Y.
10. Lloyd Marshall, Sacramento

FEATHERWEIGHTS
World Champion
Chalky Wright, Los Angeles, Calif.
1. Pedro Hernandez, Puerto Rico
2. Harry Jeffra, Baltimore, Md.
3. Abie Denner, Boston, Mass.
4. Sal Bartolo, Boston, Mass.
5. Jackie Wilson, Pittsburgh, Pa.
6. Lulu Costantino, New York, N.Y.
7. Bobby Ivy, Hartford, Conn.
8. Jimmy Hatcher, Lake City, S.C.
9. Mike Raffa, Weirton, Pa.
10. Bill Speary, Nanticoke, Pa.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
World Champion
Tony Zale, Gary, Indiana
1. Georgie Abrams, New York, N.Y.
2. Ezzard Charles, Atlanta, Ga.
3. Ernie Vigh, Carteret, N.J.
4. Tony Martin, Milwaukee, Wisc.
5. Steve Belloise, New York, N.Y.
6. Kid Tunero, Cuba
7. Antonio Fernandez, Chile
8. Coley Welch, Portland, Me.
9. Fred Apostoli, San Francisco, Cal.
10. Ron Richards, Australia

BANTAMWEIGHTS
World Champion
Lou Salica, Brooklyn, New York
1. Kui Kong Young, Hawaii
2. Manuel Ortiz, Los Angeles, Calif.
3. Rush Dalma, Philippines
4. Jim Brady, Scotland
5. Tommy Forte, Philadelphia, Pa.
6. Kenny Lindsay, Vancouver, B.C.
7. Peter Kane, Lancaster, Eng.
8. Tony Olivera, San Francisco
9. Freddie Pope, Columbus, Ohio
10. Jackie Jurich, San Jose, Ca.

WELTERWEIGHTS
World Champion
Freddie Cochrane, Elizabeth, N.J.
1. Ray Robinson, New York, N.Y.
2. Jackie Wilson, Los Angeles
3. Charley Burley, Pittsburgh, Pa.
4. Young Kid McCoy, Detroit, Mich.
5. Cocoa Kid, Puerto Rico
6. Tony Motisi, Chicago, Ill.
7. Holman Williams, Detroit, Mich.
8. Fritzie Zivic, Pittsburgh, Pa.
9. Norman Rubio, Albany, N.Y.
10. Marty Servo, Schenectady, N.Y.

FLYWEIGHTS
World Champion
Title Vacant
1. Jackie Paterson, Scotland
2. Little Dado, Philippines
3. Joe Curran, England
4. Luis Castillo, Cuba
5. Paddy Ryan, Lancaster, Eng.
6. Small Montana, Philippines
7. Lupe Cordoza, Sacramento, Calif.
8. Humberto Espinosa, Cuba
9. Jimmy Gill, Nottingham, Eng.
10. Norman Lewis, Wales

GENUINE

Budweiser Presents The Ring International Ratings

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

LARRY HOLMES** . . . . . Easton, Pa.
1 **Mike Weaver*** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
2 **Michael Dokes** . . . . . Akron, Ohio
3 **Gerry Cooney** . . . . . Huntington, N.Y.
4 **Greg Page** . . . . . Louisville, Ky.
5 **Gerrie Coetzee** . . . . . South Africa
6 **Trevor Berbick** . . . . . Halifax, Canada
7 **James (Quick) Tillis** . . . . . Chicago, Ill.
8 **Randall (Tex) Cobb** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
9 **Leon Spinks** . . . . . St. Louis, Mo.
10 **Renaldo Snipes** . . . . . Yonkers, N.Y.

11. John Tate. 12. Jimmy Young. 13. Tim Witherspoon. 14. Bernardo Mercado. 15. Larry Frazier. 16. Pinklon Thomas. 17. John Denis

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

DWIGHT BRAXTON** . . . . . Camden, N.J.
1 **Michael Spinks*** . . . . . St. Louis, Mo.
2 **Matthew Saad Muhammad** . . . . . Phila., Pa.
3 **Eddie Mustafa Muhammad** . . . Brooklyn, N.Y.
4 **Carlos DeLeon** . . . . . Puerto Rico
5 **Murray Sutherland** . . . . . Bay City, Mich.
6 **Marvin Camel** . . . . . Missoula, Mont.
7 **Jerry Martin** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
8 **Jerry Celestine** . . . . . New Orleans, La.
9 **James Scott** . . . . . Rahway, N.J.
10 **Marvin Johnson** . . . . . Indianapolis, Ind.

11. S.T. Gordon. 12. John Davis. 13. Mustapha Wasajja. 14. Vonzell Johnson. 15. Lotte Mwale. 16. Bash Ali. 17. Young Joe Louis. 18. Niva Tofaeoni

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MARVIN HAGLER . . . . . Brockton, Mass.
1 **Tony Sibson** . . . . . England
2 **Frank Fletcher** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
3 **Mustafa Hamsho** . . . . . Syria
4 **Dwight Davison** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
5 **Fulgencio Obelmejias** . . . . . Venezuela
6 **Ray Seales** . . . . . Tacoma, Wash.
7 **Thomas Hearns** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
8 **Wilford Scypion** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
9 **Bernard Mays** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
10 **Vinnie Curto** . . . . . Boston, Mass.

11. Ronnie Harris. 12. Alex Ramos. 13. Bobby Czyz. 14. Curtis Parker. 15. James Green. 16. Teddy Mann. 17. Robbie Epps. 18. Robbie Sims. 19. Mark Holmes. 20. James Kinchen. 21. Ernie Singletary. 22. William "Caveman" Lee. 23. Ted Sanders. 24. Mickey Goodwin

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

RAY LEONARD . . . . . Palmer Park, Md.
1 **Wilfred Benitez**** . . . . . Puerto Rico
2 **Ayub Kalule** . . . . . Uganda
3 **Tony Ayala, Jr.** . . . . . San Antonio, Tex.
4 **Maurice Hope** . . . . . England
5 **Carlos Herrera** . . . . . Argentina
6 **Charlie Weir** . . . . . South Africa
7 **Roberto Duran** . . . . . Panama
8 **Gary Guiden** . . . . . Indianapolis, Ind.
9 **Clint Jackson** . . . . . Nashville, Tenn.
10 **Davey Moore*** . . . . . New York, N.Y.

11. James Green. 12. Walter Gomez. 13. Tidashi Mihara. 14. Herol Graham. 15. Rocky Fratto. 16. Kenny Bristol. 17. Bruce Johnson. 18. Tony Braxton. 19. Carlos Santos. 20. Luigi Minchillo. 21. Sean Mannion. 22. Nino Gonzalez

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

RAY LEONARD . . . . . Palmer Park, Md.
1 **Thomas Hearns** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
2 **Roger Stafford** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
3 **Pipino Cuevas** . . . . . Mexico
4 **Milton McCrory** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
5 **Roberto Duran** . . . . . Panama
6 **Colin Jones** . . . . . England
7 **Bobby Joe Young** . . . . . Steubenville, Ohio
8 **Donald Curry** . . . . . Ft. Worth, Texas
9 **Randy Shields** . . . . . N. Hollywood, Calif.
10 **Marlin Starling** . . . . . Hartford, Conn.

11. Bruce Finch. 12. Mauricio Bravo. 13. Luis Primera. 14. Pete Ranzany. 15. Davey Moore. 16. Chung-Jae Hwang. 17. Mark Harris. 18. Adolfo Viruet. 19. Pat Hallacy. 20. Akio Kameda. 21. Kevin Morgan. 22. Pepe Dominguez. 23. Harold Volbrecht. 24. Hans Henrik Palm. 25. Jo Kimpuani

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

AARON PRYOR* . . . . . Cincinnati, Ohio
1 **Saoul Mamby**** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
2 **Jo Kimpuani** . . . . . France
3 **Dujuan Johnson** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
4 **Johnny Bumphus** . . . . . Nashville, Tenn.
5 **Miguel Montilla** . . . . . Dominican Rep.
6 **Monroe Brooks** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
7 **Leroy Haley** . . . . . Las Vegas, Nevada
8 **Steve Hearon** . . . . . Houston, Texas
9 **Willie Rodriguez** . . . . . Allentown, Pa.
10 **Lennox Blackmoore** . . . . . Guyana

11. Billy Costello. 12. Bruce Curry. 13. Obisia Nwankpa. 14. Guillermo Fernandez. 15. Juan Jose Gimenez. 16. Clinton McKenzie. 17. Ronnie Shields. 18. Cristobal Torres. 19. Antonio Cervantes. 20. Steve Early. 21. Thomas Americo. 22. Antonio Guinaldo. 23. Patrizio Oliva. 24. Hugo Quartapelle

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(AS OF MARCH 25, 1982)

The names following each division received votes (in order of their listing)

***WBA champion** **WBC champion

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ALEXIS ARGUELLO** . . . . . Nicaragua
1 **Aaron Pryor** . . . . . Cincinnati, Ohio
2 **Andrew Ganigan** . . . . . Honolulu, Ha.
3 **Art Frias*** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
4 **Sean O'Grady** . . . . . Oklahoma City, Ok.
5 **Howard Davis, Jr.** . . . . . Glen Cove, N.Y.
6 **Ray Mancini** . . . . . Youngstown, Ohio
7 **Hilmer Kenty** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
8 **Rodolfo (Gato) Gonzalez** . . . . . Mexico
9 **Gonzallo Montellano** . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
10 **Claude Noel** . . . . . Trinidad, W.I.

11. Edwin Viruet. 12. Roberto Elizondo. 13. Curtis Harris. 14. Ernesto Espana. 15. James Busceme. 16. Herman Montes. 17. Jorge Morales. 18. Barry Michael. 19. Jose Luis Ramirez. 20. Al Carter. 21. Cocoa Sanchez. 22. Orlando Romero. 23. Kwang-Min Kim

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SAMUEL SERRANO* . . . . . Puerto Rico
1 **Rolando Navarrete**** . . . . . Honolulu, Ha.
2 **Cornelius Boza-Edwards** . . . . . England
3 **Edwin Rosario** . . . . . Puerto Rico
4 **Rafael (Bazooka) Limon** . . . . . Mexico
5 **Bobby Chacon** . . . . . Pacoima, Calif.
6 **John Verderosa** . . . . . Staten Island, N.Y.
7 **Yasutsune Uehara** . . . . . Japan
8 **Johnny Sato** . . . . . Stockton, Calif.
9 **Ildefonso Bethelmy** . . . . . Venezuela
10 **Carlos Pinango** . . . . . Venezuela

11. Greg Coverson. 12. Chung Il Choi. 13. Jorge Alvarado. 14. Patrick Ford. 15. Frankie Baltazar. 16. Hector Camacho. 17. Enrique Maxwell. 18. Mario Vizcaya. 19. Hector Cortez. 20. Johnny Aba. 21. Leonardo Moreno. 22. Alfredo Paiva. 23. Il Bok Lee. 24. Reinaldo Hidalgo

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SALVADOR SANCHEZ** . . . . . Mexico
1 **Eusebio Pedroza*** . . . . . Panama
2 **Wilfredo Gomez** . . . . . Puerto Rico
3 **Juan LaPorte** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
4 **Rocky Lockridge** . . . . . Paterson, N.J.
5 **Ruben Castillo** . . . . . Bakersfield, Calif.
6 **Mario Miranda** . . . . . Colombia
7 **Pat Cowdell** . . . . . England
8 **Patrick Ford** . . . . . Guyana
9 **Roberto Rubaldino** . . . . . Mexico
10 **Paul Ferrari** . . . . . Australia

11. Reyes Gonzalez. 12. Marcos Villasana. 13. Guillermo Vallejo. 14. Augustin Martinez. 15. Freddie Roach. 16. Bernard Taylor. 17. Gustavo Salgado. 18. Tony Santana. 19. Bernabe Montanez. 20. Alcibiades Blandon. 21. Carlos Pinango. 22. Nicky Perez. 23. Jung Han Hwang. 24. Norberto Cabrera. 25. Kelvin Lampkin

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 122 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

WILFREDO GOMEZ** . . . . . Puerto Rico
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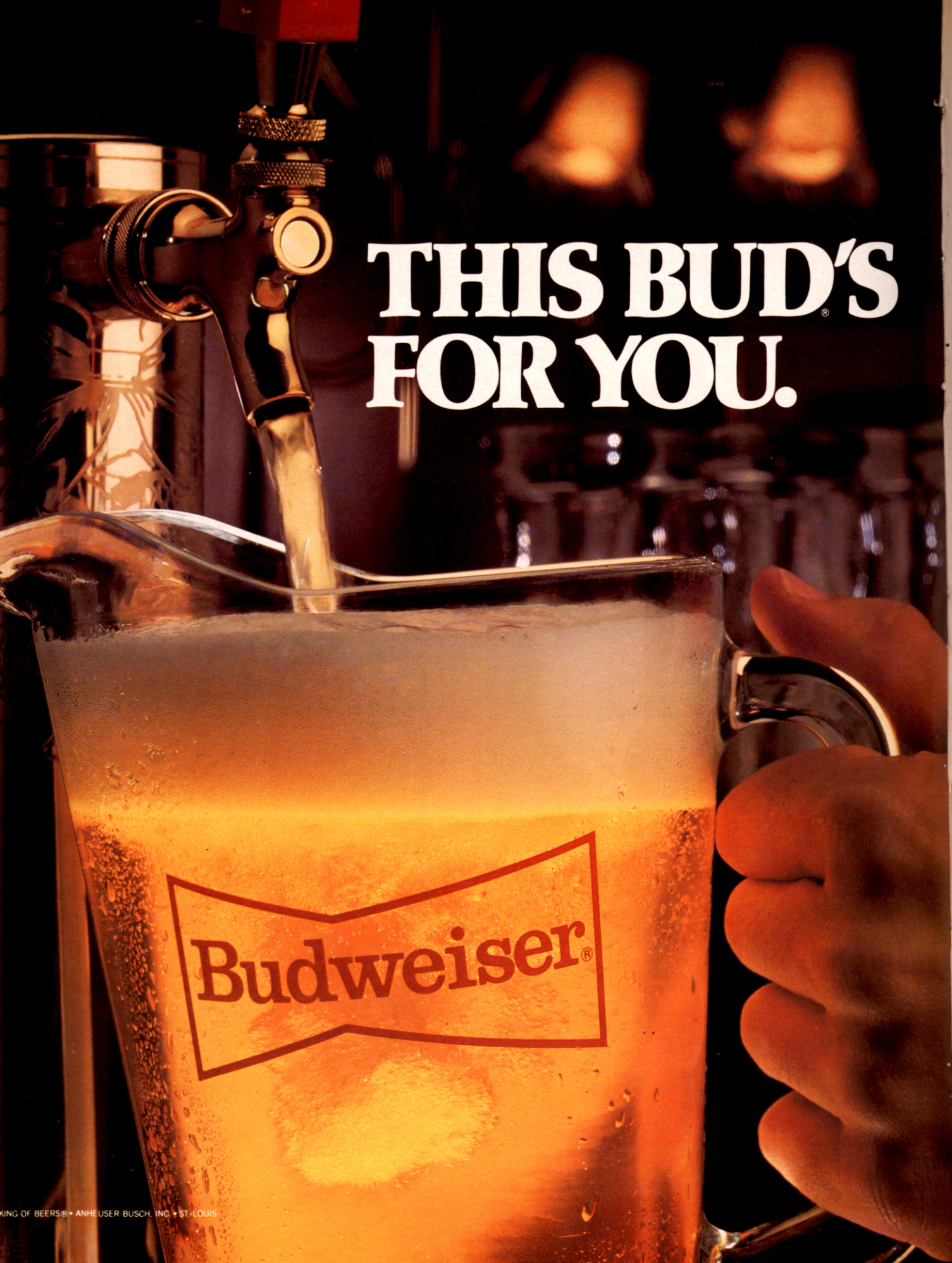

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date with Caveman Lee next week and Tommy Hearns and Tony Sibson are waiting in line. This leaves Frank with few options, especially if warmups are out. A match with the WBC's number one contender, Fulgencio Oblemejias, is a possibility.

"Bob Arum told me he would try to get me Obelmejias two months ago," said Peltz. "Frank's going to be off until June, anyway, so maybe we can work something out. We'll just wait and see what Hagler has to say after the Lee fight."

In the main support, Bobby Joe Young, 146¼, Steubenville, Ohio, survived a shock knockdown in the first round to score a TKO over veteran loser Don Morgan at 0:42 of the seventh. Young also scored a knockdown when Morgan, 147, Nashville, dropped from a right counter in the second. Although he spent too much time head hunting, Young busted his man up pretty good with his steady attack.

Unbeaten Philadelphian Myron Taylor, 128½, travelled the 10-round distance for the first time in his 13-0, eight kayo career scoring a unanimous nod over rugged, but limited, Alberto Collazo, 128, Pittsburg. No knockdowns.

Jerome Coffee, 118, Nashville, ran his log to 9-0 with a boring unanimous decision over Fernando Martinez, 118, Paterson, N.J. eight. Coffee is talented, but dull as dishwater.

James Green, 159¾, Irvington, N.J. ousted Randy Coleman, 162, Phila., at 1:39 of the first. Calvin (Pop) Porter, 150, Phila. kayoed Kevin Moefield, 158½, Phila., at 2:06 of the fourth.

The main event was televised live over NBC-TV's Sports World.

Alternate referee—Paul Venti.

Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.

Promoter—Peltz Boxing Promotions, Inc.

Attendance—1,000 (capacity).

(02-28-82)

NIGEL COLLINS

OCASIO-WILLIAMS
WBA Junior Heavyweight Title

JOHANNESBURG, SO. AFRICA—Remember Ossie Ocasio? He's the fellow who twice beat Jimmy Young, went seven rounds with Larry Holmes in a WBC heavyweight title fight, and held Michael Dokes to a draw.

Not much was heard of Ocasio after Dokes stopped him in one round in a return bout in June, 1980, and, when the British lured him to London nine months later to fight John L. Gardner, they were appalled by what they saw.

The Puerto Rican, who had weighed 207 pounds for the Holmes fight, came in at a blubbery 215½, for Gardner. Fat and hopelessly out of condition, he went down from the lightest of taps in the sixth round and was counted out on one knee.

So who would have guessed that, twelve months later, Ocasio would be a world champion (well, sort of).

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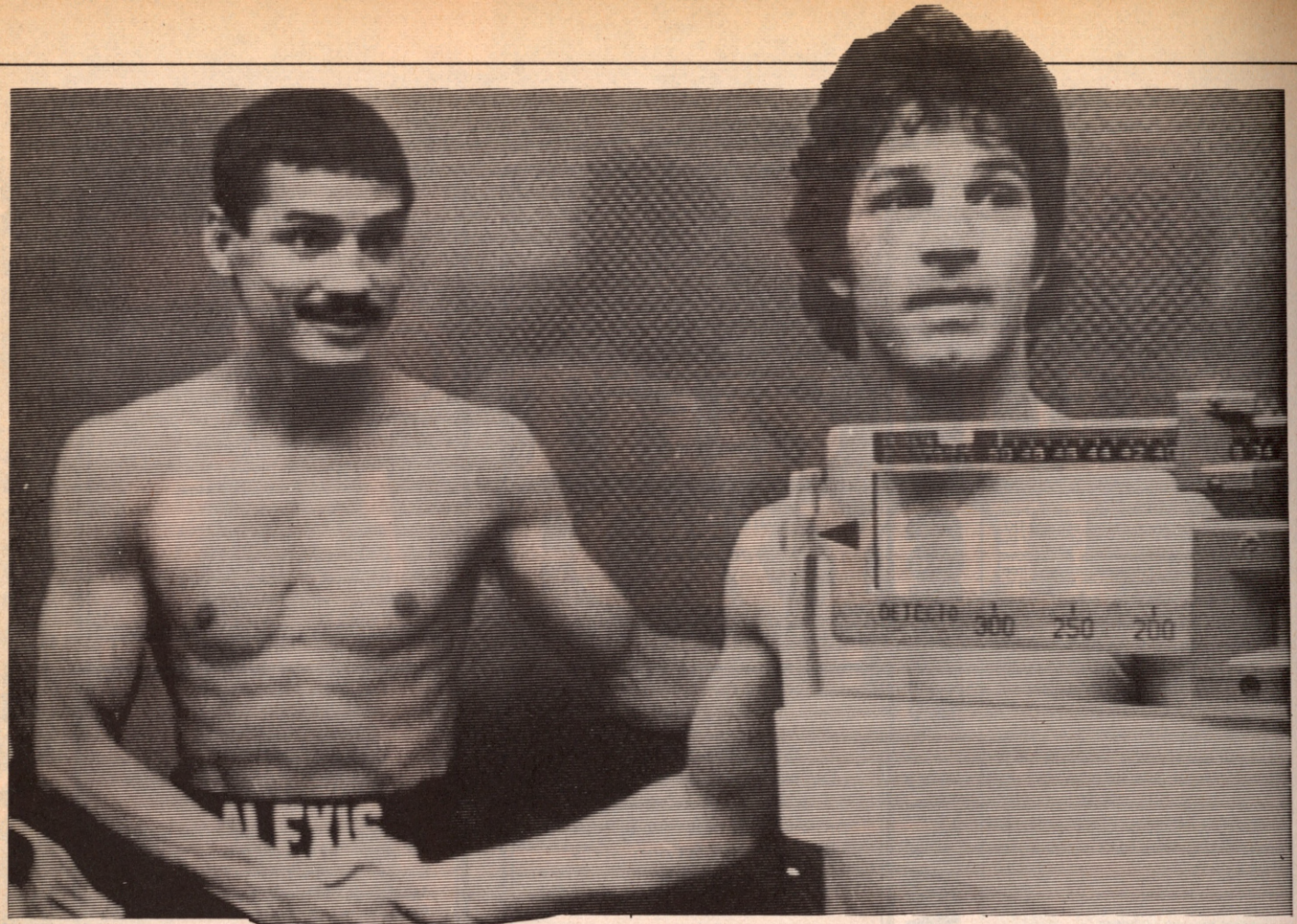
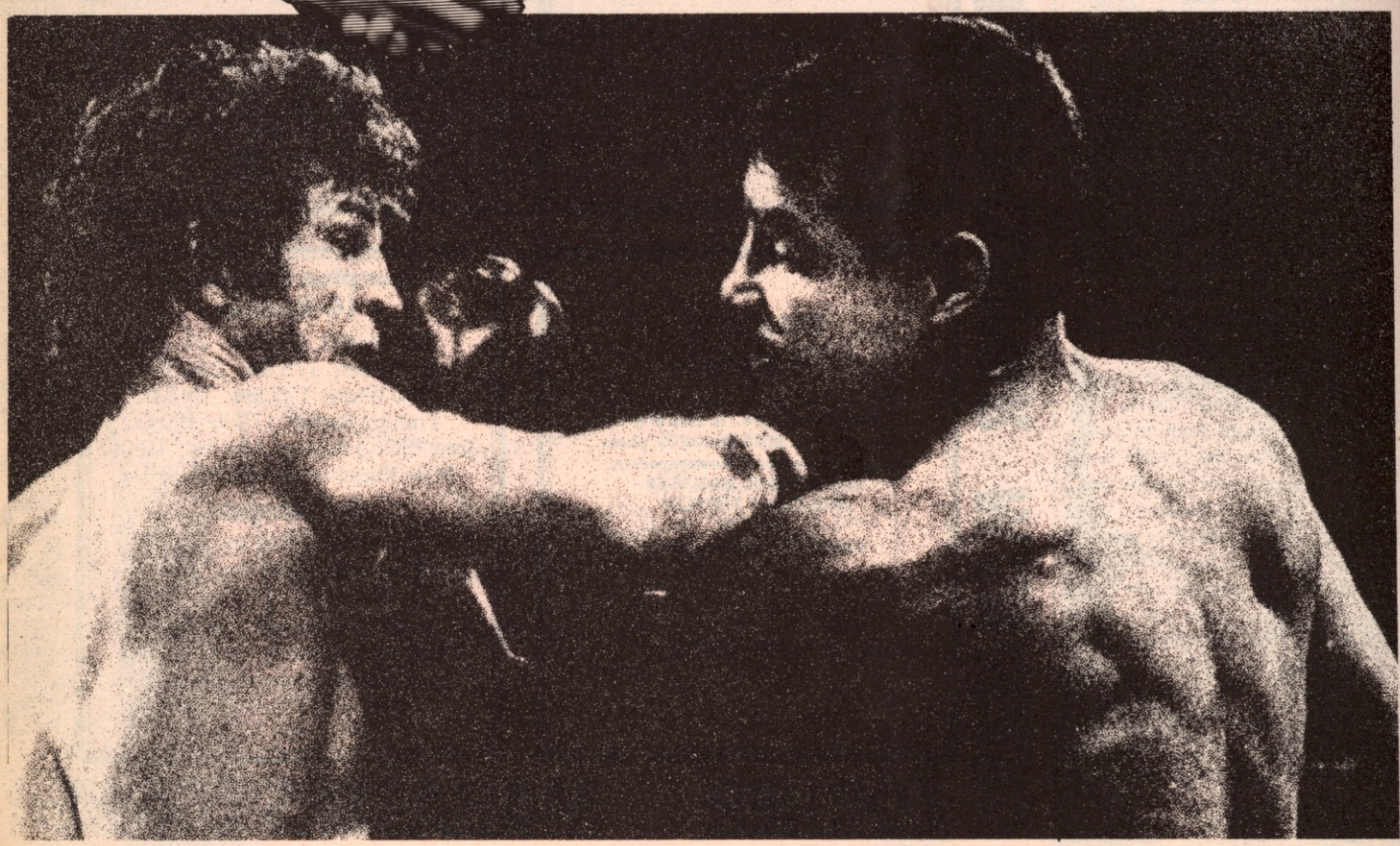




And yet, with a little help form his friends (the executives who run the WBA), that is exactly what Ocasio has become: the world's first junior heavyweight champion.

In case you haven't heard, junior heavy is a new weight category which was approved by the WBA at its annual convention in Santo Domingo last October. Older, by two years, is the WBC's cruiserweight class.

Both are basically stop-gap divisions. But, whereas cruiserweights must weigh not more than 195 pounds, junior heavies come in packages of 190 or less.

The WBA, in it's inifinite wisdom, nominated South Africa's Robbie Williams to fight Ocasio for the vacant title, and Bob Arum persuaded the Sigma Motor Corporation of South Africa to sponsor the fight at Rand Stadium.

It mattered not to the WBA, or Bob Arum, that Williams was little more than a rank novice, or that no one could even remember when Ocasio had last weighted 190 pounds.

Some South African boxing writers suggested that Ocasio would have to cut off a leg to make the weight, while others questioned William's stamina and his ability to go 15 rounds in a championship fight. (He had never done more than eight before.)

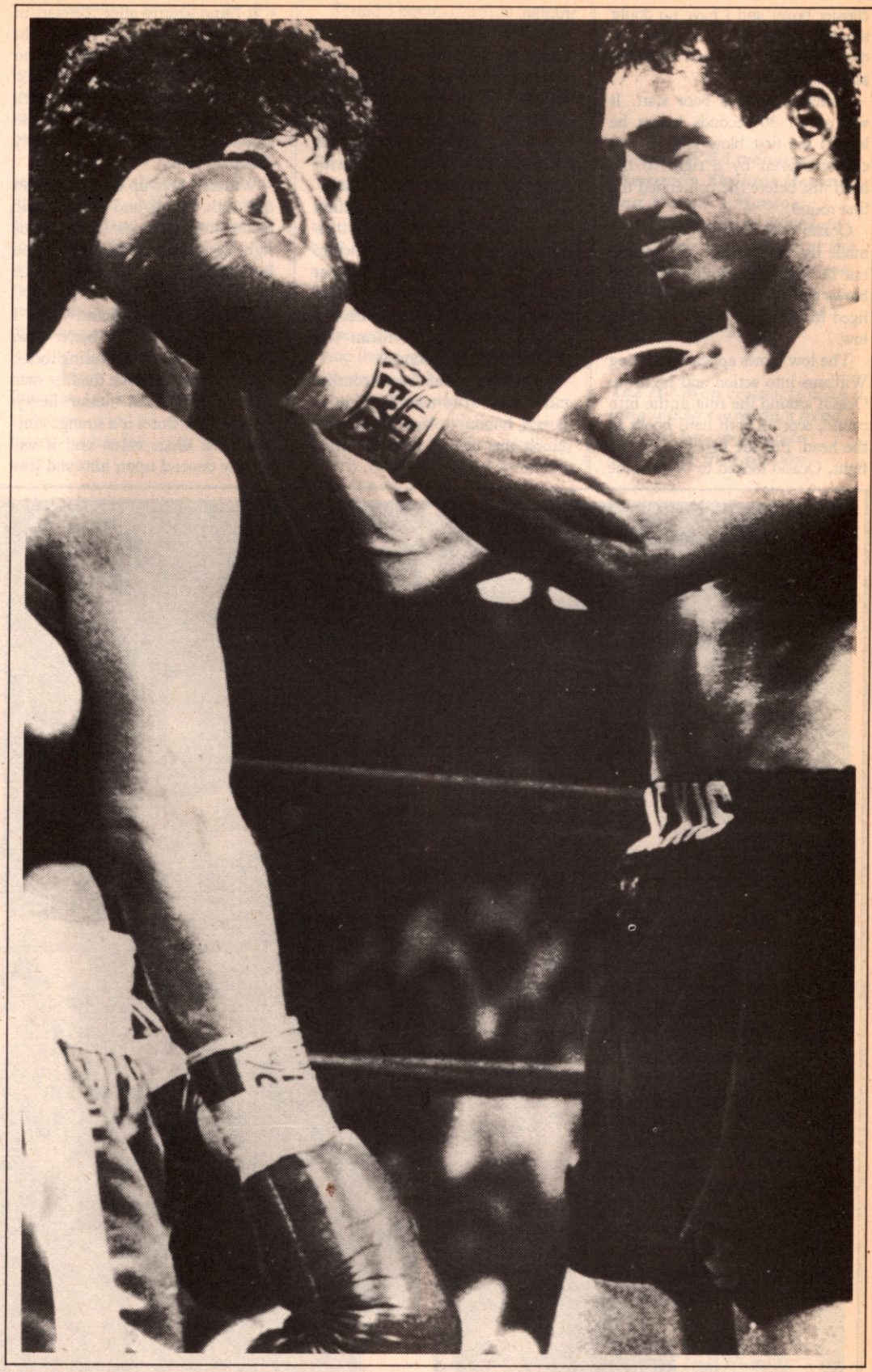
In any event, Ocasio made the weight without weakening himself and Williams went 15 rounds without falling on his face from exhaustion. Even the attendance was something of an eye-opener. About 30,000 people were in hand to see the fight.

I'd say most of them liked what they saw. What they didn't like was the decision. Ocasio was awarded the vacant WBA title on points over 15 rounds.

The decision was split. Referee Yusako Yoshida of Japan scored it for Williams by 148-144, while judges Ryoje Kashiwasci of Japan and Merado Villalobos of Panama had Ocasio in front by 146-144 and 147-143, respectively.

I thought Williams was unlucky not to get the official nod. Mind you, it was a difficult fight to judge, with no knockdowns to swing the balance this way or that, and with most of the rounds very closely contested.

Ocasio was unquestionably the



Alexis pats his challenger after being declared winner. Arguello stands head and shoulders above the rest of the lightweight division.

classier boxer and I have no doubt that his greater experience made all the difference between winning and losing.

Williams made a poor start. It was a full 30 seconds before he landed his first blow and he was clearly shaken by a right to the head just before the bell ended the first round.

Ocasio was more relaxed and made use of a variety of punches, but he was careless with his body blows and referee Yoshida was obliged to warn him twice for going low.

The low blows appeared to sting Williams into action and he drove Ocasio around the ring in the fifth round, scoring with hard hooks to the head. For the first time in the fight, Ocasio looked to be in some trouble.

After an even seventh round, Ocasio got back into his stride in the eighth, boxing beautifully as he went up on to his toes. At this stage, it seemed as though Williams may have shot his bolt, as Ocasio knocked back his head with sharp right hooks and uppercuts.

There was a real fear around ringside that Williams was in danger of being stopped. He seemed to have run out of ideas and spent most of the time barging into Ocasio, unable to land any effective punches. The Puerto Rican was now firmly back in control.

But Williams didn't lack courage and continued to take the fight to Ocasio, hoping to land the one big punch that would turn the fight around.

It came shortly after the start of the 12th, when Williams caught Ocasio with a superb left hook to the jaw. The crowd roared with excitement as Williams cut loose with a barrage of blows, driving Ocasio around the ring and very nearly dropping him.

Williams kept up the pressure in the 13th round and sent Ocasio reeling into the ropes with a vicious right to the head, but he lacked both the firepower and experience to end the fight.

Williams took his defeat well. "I did my best, but the better man won," he said in the dressing room.

Ocasio thus became the first man to win the WBA junior heavyweight title. But it is a strange kingdom that Ossie rules, and it will largely depend upon him and promoter Bob Arum whether it prospers or dies.

(02-13-82) *BERT BLEWETT*

ARGUELLO-BUSCEME
World Lightweight Title

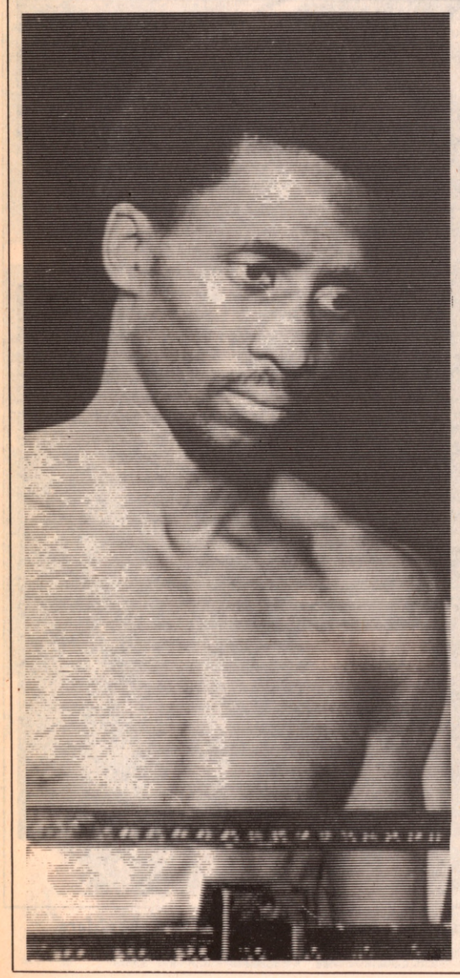
BEAUMONT, TEXAS—Whether you describe it in Spanish—"*Una mas ganado por el magnifico boxeador delgado,*" or in English—"One more win for boxing's magnificent thin man," the third successful defense of Alexis Arguello's world lightweight title emphasized, once again, that he stands head and shoulders above the competition in his division, and indeed, has to be considered as one of the premier boxers of all-time in the lower weight divisions.

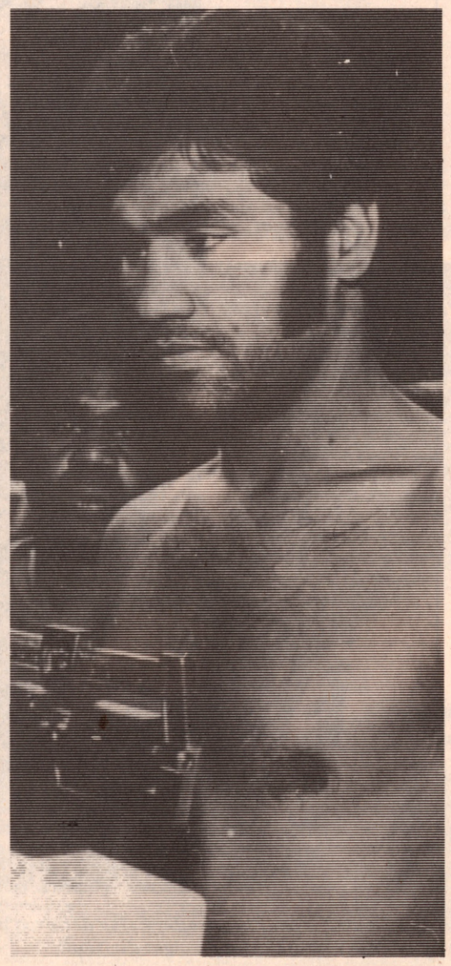
Of this sunshine drenched afternoon in southeast Texas, Arguello was paired with James (Bubba) Busceme, the WBC's number six contender, and a hometown hero whose support here equalled any that the well known Mexican fighters have received in Houston, 90 miles west. A quick handed southpaw, Busceme had been expected to offer somewhat of a challenge to Arguello, who has had some trouble in the past against portsiders (Jose Luis Ramirez, Bazooka Limon), and against boxers who exhibited considerable lateral movement, as well (Vilomar Fernandez, his last loss).

The opening round saw Busceme come out and move side-to-side, scoring several times with right jab-left cross combinations, none of which had much effect on the champion. Arguello, for his part, stalked his man and landed one strong left hook to the body followed by a right to the head—the best combination to use against a southpaw, say the old-time boxing people—as the closing bell rang.

It was in round 2 that Arguello seemed to find the range with his meat cleaver left jab, raking Busceme's face with several of these blows. Though Bubba scored several times with left leads, and captured the round on all three judges' scorecards, one could sense that it was only a matter of time before the champion unloaded with his big guns, and that Busceme—who had been suspected by some prior to this fight of having a glass jaw—was in for an early shower.

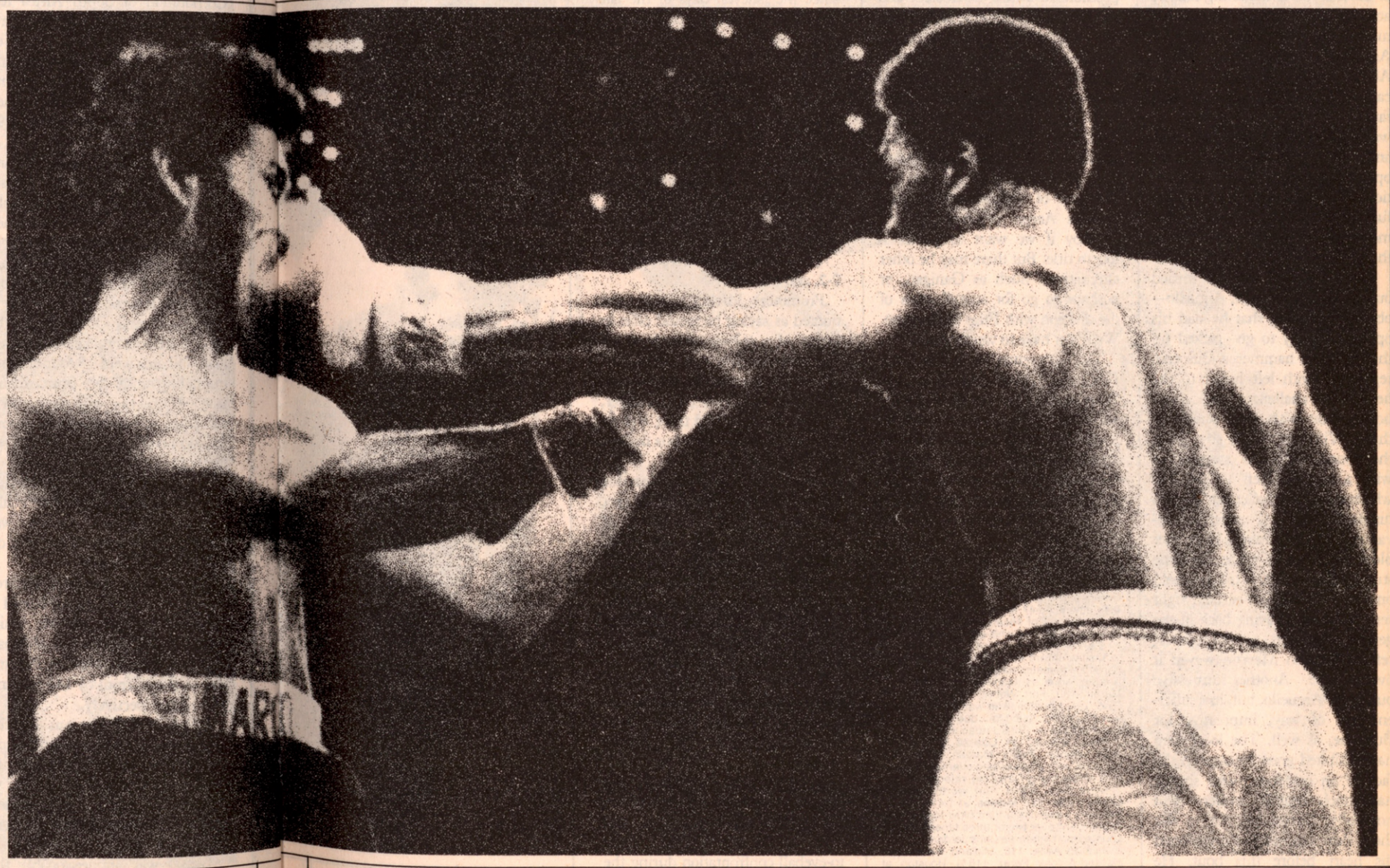
Round 3 began, much as the previous two had, with Busceme moving out of his corner, throwing two and three punch combinations and trying to keep Arguello off stride. However, more often than not, it was the champion who sent the hometown boxer off his pace through some excellent defensive work . . . parry a blow, a slight bend of the knee or twist of the head to slip a punch . . . All in all, a fine demonstration of why Arguello is considered by most aathorities as the top boxer, pound for pound, of his generation. It was ironic that Arguello began to score with strong left hooks at this point, as he had been widely quoted the week prior to the fight as saying "Busceme says he will be looking for my right. He better be aware





Former WBA welterweight champion Thomas Hearns and Mexico's Marcos Geraldo weigh in for their scheduled 10-rounder at the Aladdin Hotel in Las Vegas. Hearns came in at 153¼, with Geraldo tipping the scales at 159½.

The Hit Man connects with a long left to Geraldo's head. Marcos was kayoed in 1:48 of the first session.



that I have *two* hands." One of these punches visably stunned Busceme, for the first time in the bout, with about 15 seconds left in the round.

Arguello's much greater physical strength (his greatest asset, his agent Bill Miller told this reporter some months back) began to take its toll on the game challenger in the 4th round. Busceme was still trying to score with combinations, but mostly to no avail, as, when he did land the jab, the second punch invariably fell short, while Arguello obeyed one of boxing's cardinal rules—that of making your opponent pay when he misses—by scoring with crisp left jabs.

As round 5 began, Busceme, though still exhibiting a lot of heart by trying to fight back in the face of adversity, was breathing heavily and not moving as much as earlier, making him a stationary target for Arguello's cracking body blows. All the while, Arguello, in the calm, collected manner that fight fans have been accustomed to watching, simply bided his time and took advantage of every opening he was given. The exertion of having to go full out for the full three minutes of each round, more than anything, seemed to be the strain on Busceme.

When the sixth, and as it turned out, final, round began, Arguello—obviously sensing that he had his opponent ready to go—picked up the pace and hammered Busceme repeatedly with left hooks to the head as the challenger was continuously short with every punch he threw. With a minute or so to go in the round, Arguello stepped in with a crushing left to the jaw which spun the challenger 180° to his right. Following up on this advantage, Arguello rained blow after blow on Busceme while Busceme stumbled around and tried to hold on. As a whistling overhand right sent Busceme weaving back in the general direction of his corner, referee Octavio Meyron waved it over at 2:35. Another impressive outing for Arguello, but, in a different sort of way, impressive for Busceme, as well. The local hero had exhibited great courage in the face of an opponent who simply had much heavier artillery; and hopefully, Bubba has put to rest those skeptics who had questioned his heart before this bout. He turned 30 the day after this loss, and may hang up his gloves for good; but we hope not. He is still able to more than hold his own with any lightweight except Arguello, and with his clean cut, pleasing personality, and the marquee value of his colorful, sometimes controversial manager, Hugh Benbow, should have several good paydays left.

As for Arguello, when questioned about his future after the fight, he simply responded: "Future bouts are not my decision. I am a professional fighter. My manager (Dr. Eduardo Roman) and agent (Bll Miller) will have to decide. Just tell me where and when."

Miller, when posed with the same query, answered this way: "All our options with a specific promoter are now exhausted, and we can now offer our services to the highest bidder. Salvador Sanchez would be a big money fight for Alexis. Sanchez wants to move up a weight division or two, and certainly is a big attraction. Don King is currently promoting Sanchez, so we'd have to deal with him. He (King) also promotes the defenses of junior welterweight champs Aaron Pryor and Saoul Mamby if we want to go for a fourth title. But there may be other alternatives. Such as Ganigan, or perhaps to go for a unification of the division with Frias or Ganigan. We'll just have to wait and see."

The representatives of Don King Productions, Bob Goodman and Duke Dirden, were in the audience watching this fight; so it would be a good bet that perhaps Sanchez (two technically superior fighters squaring off here) or Pryor (what an interesting match that would be!) might be Arguello's next big money fight.

Arguello weighed in for this bout at 135, and Busceme scaled 134½. At the end, the scoring was as follows: Judges A.D. (Spider) Bynum of Dallas and Mike Jacobs of England both saw it 48-47 for Arguello, while judge Jose Nayorga of Nicaragua—now living in San Francisco—saw his countryman in front by a 49-48 count.

The undercard was put together by Sports Associates matchmaker Wayne Harrison. Results were as follows: Eddie (Cowboy) Martin, 130, Fort Worth, TKO'd Roosevelt Rico, 131, Houston, who was unable to answer the bell for round four due to a nasty cut over the left eye. Chris Jordan, referee.

Ruben Munoz, 134, Odessa, stopped veteran Johnny (Wolf) Morgan, also 134, Houston, with a pulverizing overhand right in 0:35 of round two. Dick Cole, referee.

Steve Cruz, 126½, Fort Worth, knocked out Ali Akbar, 127, Indiana, at 1:41 of round two with a seemingly light blow to the side. Akbar rolled over two or three times and was counted out by referee Chris Jordan.

Ricardo Abila, 118, Midland, halted outclassed Antonio Perez, 116¾, Houston, at 2:02 of round two. Dick Cole, referee.

Anthony Releford, 146, Fort Worth, kayoed Ray Carter, 150¾, Oklahoma, in 2:35 of the first round in the walkout contest. Dick Cole, referee.

Prelim judges—Walter Arteaga, Bob Jacobs.

Timekeeper—Fred McWilliams.

Knockdown Timer—Tommy Ferris.

Promoters—Top Rank, Inc., in association with Sports Associates, Inc. As far as can be determined, Sports Associates president Lester Bedford is, at 26, the youngest man to ever promote a world title bout in the U.S.

Attendance—6,618. Gross—$358,000 (the largest gate, except for extravaganzas in the Houston Astrodome, for any contest ever held in Texas).

The title bout was telecast live in the U.S. on the CBS Television Network with Tim Ryan and Gil Clancy on the mike. Also telecast to Venezuela, Mexico, Peru, Italy, and Korea. Radio coverage was offered to Arguello's native Nicaragua.

The card was held in Beaumont's Civic Center.

(02-13-82)

C.A. JACKSON

SIBSON-DAVISON

BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND—not since the halcyon days of the late Randy Turpin has there been such excitement and enthusiasm in the midlands. Tony Sibson, 159¾, Leicester, the European middleweight champion, won a unanimous decision over Dwight Davision, also 159¾, Detroit, Mich,. 12, thus qualifying for a shot at Marvin Hagler's world crown.

Davison had been the number one contender.

The official scores were 8-0-4, 8-2-2, and 6-1-5.

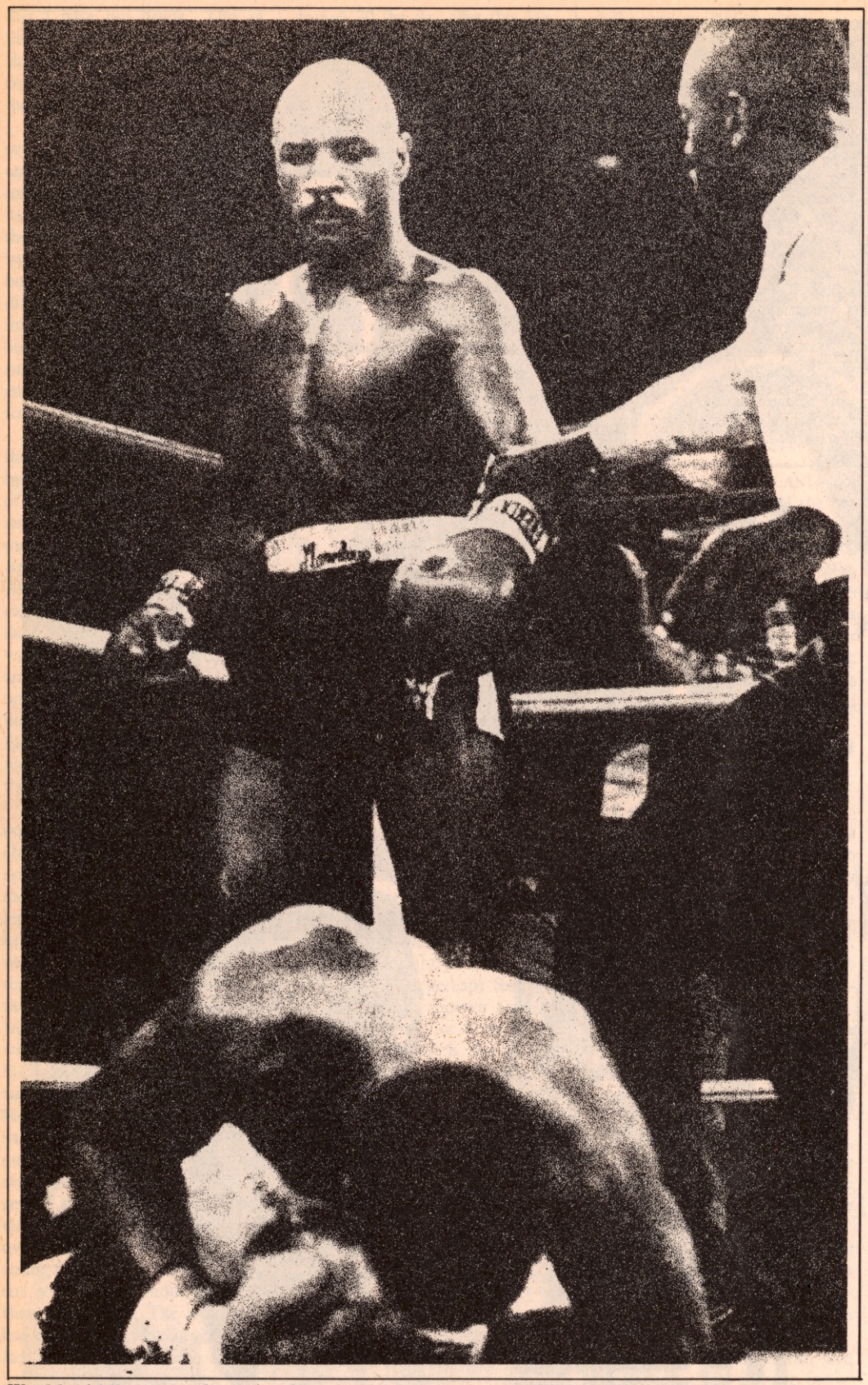
Promoter Mickey Duff was quoted as saying he would offer in excess of a million pounds to try and persuade Hagler to defend his title in the same arena, the National Exhibition Centre, but Hagler, on British radio, said there was no way that he would ever box in Britain again.

Hagler's attitude is doubtless due to the hostile reception he got when he stopped Alan Minter in three rounds in their world title bout.

Commenting on this remark, Mickey stated categorically, "If the bout goes to purse offers, and mine is highest, then he'll have to come here, or be stripped of his title."

A crowd of around 10,000 cheered Sibson to the echo after his victory in what was the first Sunday boxing program held in Britain in many years.

A choir sang the British and American national anthems before the start of the proceedings, and there was the now familiar eyeball-to-eyeball confrontation during the



World middleweight champion Marvin Hagler stands over William (Caveman) Lee as referee Larry Hazzard takes him by the arm. Lee got up, but Hagler didn't waste much more time putting him away.

referee's instructions. They actually started leaning against each other, and order had to be restored.

It was evident that Sibson would be handicapped by lack of height and reach agianst the 6'2" American. But Tony was in no way overawed, and was not deterred from immediately going foreward in the first round to try and get inside the long arms of his opponent.

Success came quickly, and Tony scored with a left and right to the head which earned cheers of encouragement form his fans. Davison did little but poke out his left. He seemed a might disinterested.

The second round was about the same as the first: Sibson attacking and actually shaking his man with a left hook to the chin. Davison was driven back against the ropes and did a lot of hanging on. He did land one good right, but it had no effect on his opponent.

Sibson continued to attack, and Davison looked lethargic in his approach—most unusual in a man fighting for a chance to meet the world champion. The American seemed totally unconcerned that Sibson was getting inside so easily.

A continuous chant of "Sibbo!" came from the fans in the fourth round, and Tony responded in fine fashion.

Round five, and, for the first time, some positive action from Davison. He was finding the range for his right, and using both hands to try and keep his opponent at bay. Sibson was still coming in, but was having to take more punches in order to do it.

Davison continued to show more improvement, but he took a hard hook to the head. Why he didn't choose to box on the retreat and use his superior reach to advantage was not evident. The tactics that he did use were totally unsuccessful. Dwight was allowing Tony far too much scope.

Sibson kept the pressure up in round seven and, although the American had shaken off his lazy approach, he was still not doing enough. Tony's work rate was far superior.

The eighth round was another good one for Sibson. Twice he caught his man with hard left hooks, and each time, Davison grinned, as boxers have a habit of doing when they've been hurt. The

American had slowed down considerably, and was hanging on more.

Sibson went all out in the ninth session, and Davison was suddenly fighting for survival. He held on as much as possible, but the superbly fit Sibson was in full command, and could not be denied.

Round 10, and Davison was fighting for a lost cause. He did, however, land a good left hand that jolted his opponents's head. But the mixture was the same as before, with Tony doing all of the attacking.

"Sibson is handling the number one contender for the world title as though he were a rag doll," said commentator Harry Carpenter in the 11th session. Sibson was punching non-stop, and Davison was tired. A right hand, a left-hook, both thumped on the American's face, and he looked a disconsolate man.

To the final round, and a last-ditch effort by Davison, who threw everything into his attack in the opening minute. But there was no cohesion, and, at the end, it was Sibson who scored with five left hands without reply. Davison could hardly raise his arms.

When the final bell rang, Davison threw his arms around Sibson and lifted him off the ground. He knew he'd lost, and took the defeat in sporting fashion.

Lack of height and reach had been turned from a disadvantage into an advantage for Sibson, as Davison never seemed able to find the range and looked awkward tying to punch downwards. We certainly never saw the famed right hand of "Dynamite" Davison. It was more like a damp squid.

"My aim was to make no mistakes and win the fight," said Sibson afterwards. "Maybe that restricted my boxing ability a bit, but I was very tense and aware of all the people who were cheering me on. Every shot that he threw told. I knew he was looking for my chin all the time. I was aware of that, maybe too aware. He gave me more problems than I think Hagler will, one reason being that, he's so tall, he's an awkward opponent. Hagler is more my own size. I'm not saying Hagler will be an easier fight, but he's a busy fighter and he comes into you. I could throw short punches and solid jabs. I thought Hagler was great against Minter. His punches were so short and sharp."

"I know what Hagler has been saying about not boxing over here," said Sam Burns, Sibson's manager, "but boxers and managers don't always agree. I will forecast that, if we don't get Hagler over here we're going to America. Sibson is one guy who will take care of Mr. Hagler."

"Dwight didn't get started until the sixth round, and that was too late," said Carl King, Davison's manager. "Sibson will give Hagler a good fight, and if he can keep up the same pace as he did against Dwight, he could cause the champion some problems."

Sibson, unmarried and living alone in a house with only two dogs for company, celebrated quietly with a drink in a friend's pub. His right hand was swollen. (Davison had broken his own right thumb.)

A point of interest. At ringside were all four British boxers who recently lost their world crowns—Alan Minter, Maurice Hope, Jim Watt, and Cornelius Boza-Edwards. All applauded in tribute to a great professional performance.

(02-21-82)

RON OLVER

DE LEON-CAMEL
WBC Crusierweight Title

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—Carlos (Sugar) DeLeon finally got around to defending the WBC cruiserweight title he won way back in November of 1980 with a seventh round cut-eye TKO over former champ Marvin Camel at the Playboy Hotel Casino. Fourteen months on the backburner has added little, if any, distinction to this ignominious weight classification. Ignoring it certainly didn't make it go away. Cruiser still rhymes with loser, and that's exactly what this hybrid division is, and will remain, until it gets a star-quality fighter.

Camel, the bleeding Flathead from Montana, has been involved in every WBC cruiserweight title bout since its inception. This, in itself, says a lot about the lack of talent in the division. Marvin, 183½, is a brave man, but that's about it. He has no punching power whatsoever and gushes claret at the drop of a jab.

DeLeon, obviously contemptuous of Camel's punch, did pretty much as he pleased, fighting in spurts and giving the impression that he was toying with his opponent. When a gash appeared over the challenger's right eye in the third, everybody knew it was just a matter of time.

"I felt it," said DeLeon through his interpreter, "because I put the whole fist right on his eye."

Between ungainly wrestling and pushing, DeLeon, 182¾, ripped enough rights and lefts into Camel's battered face to urge Dr. Frank B. Doggett of the New Jersey commission to stop the fight at the end of the seventh. It was a welcome relief for everyone. The electric atmosphere that usually surrounds a championship match was conspicuously missing, and one has to wonder why promoter Don King picked such a lemon for the debut of his newly-formed Don King Sports and Entertainment Network.

DeLeon, at least, was pleased by his performance.

"The difference between this fight and the first one was that for the previous fight, I only had 15 days notice. This one, I had two months notice . . . That's why I was much better. "The first time, Camel went the distance, but took 40-odd stitches.

What's next for Carlos?

"I'd like to fight Leon Spinks and Michael Spinks. First Leon, I could knock him out."

Maybe Carlos can develop into the sort of "name" the division so sorely needs. At this point, however, it seems doubtful. He's too lackadaisical in the ring, bordering on lazy. His 30-1-1 (23 kayoes) record looks good numerically, but the names of his victims hardly inspire. Camel, now 44-4-2 (18 kayoes), is the only well-known boxer he's fought.

All three judges, Angel Luis Guzman, Arsonia Garcia Bernal, and Harold Lederman, had DeLeon ahead at the conclusion. The referee was Juan Jose Guerra of Mexico.

SPINKS— BROWN

Leon Spinks wants to be the saviour of the cruisers. And why not? At least he's never dull. That's more than you can say for the divisions titleholders—Carlos DeLeon (who defended the WBC belt in the anticlimactic main event) and, of all people, Ozzie Ocasio, the WBA's version.

Neon Leon's first escapade among the Cruisers was hardly a lark. He was forced to fight hammer-and-tong, punch-for-punch, the entire 10 rounds to score a unanimous decision over inspired journeyman (Poison) Ivy Brown. Then again, the unexpected should, by now, be expected from boxing's most celebrated wild child. Predictable he ain't.

Brown, 192½, Kansas City, figured to be a fairly easy task. His past included nothing that would indicate his willingness to wage such a war. His effort surprised everyone, especially Leon. Ivy had plenty of opportunities to bow out gracefully, but chose instead to get down and rumble for real. It was, without a doubt, the best showing of his career.

"I was expecting him to come to me," said Brown. "He came, and I took everything. He hit with everything, but he couldn't hurt me."

The roof did almost cave in on Brown in the second, when Spinks, going for a quicky, cranked up a number of stunning hooks to the head. Ivy stood up well under the ensuing onslaught, however, and fought back bitterly with lefts of his own, bringing blood from Leon's nose.

Brown came up with a left hook in the third that staggered Leon briefly. The former heavyweight king grit his teeth, dug in his heels, and fired back with gusto. From then on, they took turns battering each other all over the ring. It was real cave man stuff, and the crowd ate it up.

Fortunes changed frequently, sometimes several times a round, and, although Spinks, 194, looked arm-weary as early as the second, he always found the gas to keep going. Whenever Brown tagged him with a good one, Leon fought back in a frenzied fashion that bordered on desperation. He was fighting to salvage his career, and seemed to realize the fact.

Boos greeted the reading of the official scores. Most in the house seemed to feel that it was a lot

closer than the 6-3-1, 7-2-1 and 8-1-1 (all for Spinks) turned in by referee Larry Hazzard and judges William Kostrub and Frank Capcino, respectively. *The Ring* also had Leon, but by a narrow 5-4-1 margin.

It was a highly entertaining brawl from the spectator's point of view, but, considering his opponent, Spinks was less-than-spectacular. A life-and-death struggle with a guy like Brown does not forecast smooth sailing ahead. Nevertheless, Leon is back (sort of) and ready to continue his turbulent career.

"Cruiserweight is really my natural weight," he said. "I'm tired of fighting people who are a lot heavier than I am. The money is less, but what good is all that money if you keep getting your brains beat in, right?" Right.

Will Spinks still proceed with his scheduled match with heavyweight prospect Tim Witherspoon?

"No," said Leon emphatically. "That was decided a long time ago." This, of course, was news to the brass at NBC-TV, who were putting up the money for the proposed fight.

"The way he looked to tonight, I knew something like this was going to occur," said Witherspoon, who cheered Leon on from ringside. "He made the right decision, though." We think so, too.

In the top prelim, Ralph Moncrief, 161, Cleveland, climbed all over Nick Ortiz, 157½, Puerto Rico, for a TKO at the end of the third. It was an unusually aggressive performance from Ralph, and he looked good.

DeLeon's sparring partners, Dennis Jackson and Ricardo Richardson, were thrown out of the ring for lack of effort and their scheduled six-rounder ruled "no contest" by the New Jersey commish.

Jerome Kinney, 141¾, Detroit, won a unanimous decision over Esteban Soto, 141¾, Puerto Rico, eight. Lonnie Smith, 136, Denver, kayoed Carl Williams, 136¾, Kansas City, in 2:40 of the fourth. Mike Tinley, 159¼, Camden, scored a unanimous decision over Carlton Swift, 158¼, N.Y.C., six. David Bey, 237¼, Orwell, Ohio, stopped Larry Ham, 191¾, in the first.

The card was promoted by Don King and televised over his new cable outlet.

Alternate referee—Rudy Battle.
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Attendance—1,200 (est.).
(02-24-82)

NIGEL COLLINS

HEARNS-GERALDO

LAS VEGAS, NEV.—Thomas Hearns, fighting as a middleweight at 153¼, took only one minute and 48 seconds of the first round to dispose of his hapless opponent, Marcus Geraldo, 159½, of Mexico City.

The bout, scheduled for 10 rounds, was the main event of a five-bout card at the Aladdin Hotel in Las Vegas.

This was Thomas Hearns' second outing in the middleweight division, his first being a 10-round unanimous decision over Ernie Singletary last December.

But Hearns' fists made the decision this time, as they dealt Geraldo swift and unexpected knockout.

The bout began with the opponents "feeling each other out" for a few seconds. Then, suddenly, the "Motor City Cobra" uncoiled, as he stalked Geraldo to a neutral corner and bombarded him with two booming rights and a crushing left hook that sent the Mexican fighter straight to the canvas.

Geraldo appeared to get up at the count of nine, but slipped back down as referee Joey Curtis counted him out. Curtis later explained: "His glove was still stuck on the canvas as he struggled to get up, so I kept on counting. Geraldo's eyes were glazed, and his corner said they knew it was over."

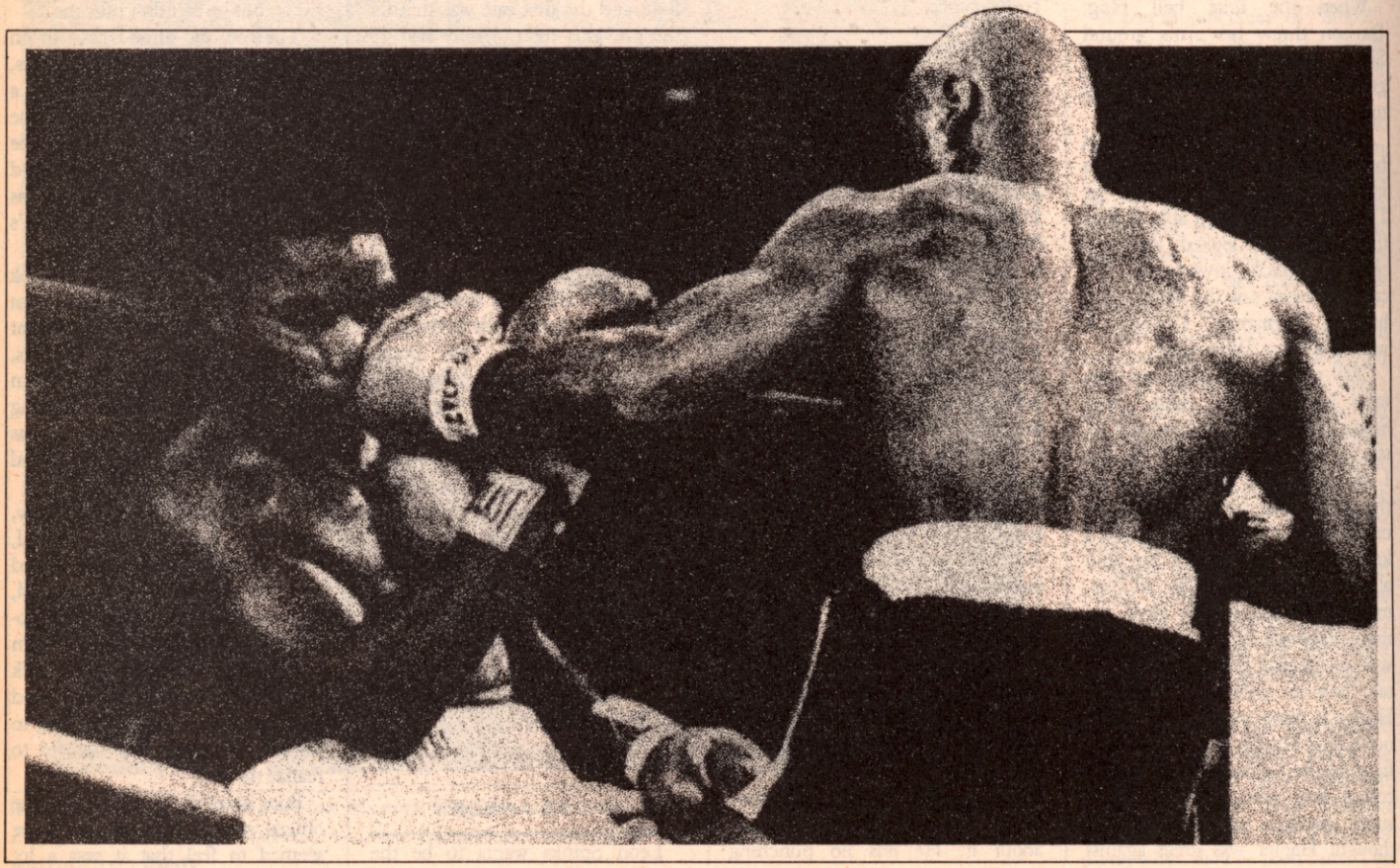
Many fans and experts felt that the punches were not heavy enough to have knocked Geraldo out. But Hearns' manager-trainer, Emanuel Seward, later demonstrated to your *Ring* reporter their new technique of "locking up" on a left hook.

"You'll notice," explained Seward, "that when I lock my elbow the punch has twice as much power. This is the new strategy we've been working on!"

Hearns himself had much to say at the post-fight press conference, declaring: "This win means a lot to me. I'm happy with the victory, but I'd like to have had a little more work to prove my mettle as a middleweight.

"But," continued Hearns, "when he started dropping his hands, I knew it was just a matter of time. He just wasn't able to stand up to my punishment. And it's just as well the fight ended early, because that eliminated the danger of my getting butted. Geraldo is pretty good at butting!"

Hearns, who has, with his fame, become quite an effective public speaker, went on: "A lot of people think I'm just a puncher. But I want to prove that I'm an accomplished boxer as well. All my



future fights will prove that."

Regarding his move to the middleweight division, Hearns declared: "I had problems getting up to this weight, but I can handle it with my height. (Hearns is 6'2")

"But being a middleweight is not a permanent move for me. I will not leave the welterweight division until I get a rematch with Sugar Ray Leonard. This time I will knock him out, and get my title back!"

Hearns further proclaimed: "In no way do I think I am in Leonard's shadow. He has his thing, and I have mine."

Manager Emanuel Steward added: "There's really nobody to fight in the welterweight division except for a rematch with Sugar Ray. But we're not going to just sit on the sidelines. We'll fight middleweights regularly until such time as we can get a second shot at Leonard.

"It's my feeling that the powers of boxing wanted to move Tommy up to middleweight to take the pressure off of Leonard!"

Perhaps an omen to the quick ending of the Hearns-Geraldo main event, were the four preliminary bouts, each of which ended in early knockouts. Three of the bouts featured Tommy Hearns' stablemates, and all three maintained their undefeated records with early wins.

Unbeaten Don Bowers, 159, stopped Rafael Zamora, 163¼, at 2:08 of the fourth round in a scheduled eight-rounder. The bout was interrupted in the second round when one of the ring ropes busted,, however, 20 minutes later, the rope was fixed, and so was Zamora. He was dealt some battering blows and a bloody nose, and the bout was finally halted in the fourth by referee Fred Hernandez.

Undefeated Jackie Beard, 127¼, stopped Reyes Gonzales, 126½, at 1:21 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. Beard, a four-time national amateur champion, chalked up his 12th straight victory as a professional, with nine knockouts. Referee: Dave Pearl.

Duane Thomas, 156, took only 56 seconds of the first round to dispose of Tony McMinn, 160. McMinn went down after a lethal right hand in a lightning-quick ending to a scheduled 10-round bout. Thomas, who also boasts an unbeaten record, is now 16-0 with 10 knockouts. Referee: Dave Pearl.

In the final preliminary bout, scheduled for 10, Ricardo Jiminez, 140, was awarded a TKO over Eric Bonilla, 141¼. Bonilla could not continue after the third round because of severe cuts. Referee: Dave Pearl.

The five-bout card was promoted by Ash Resnick of the Aladdin Hotel, in conjunction with John Yopp's All-Star Boxing of Detroit. The program was broadcast by CBS, with Gil Clancy and Sugar Ray Leonard as color commentators.

Attendance 2553. Gross $57,730. (02-27-82)

SHIRLEY NORMAN

HAGLER-LEE
World Middleweight Title

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—In an encounter of the briefest kind, "Marvelous" Marvin Hagler defended his world middleweight championship with a technical knockout over William (Caveman) Lee in a mere 1:07 of the first round. It was the first opening round knockout in a title bout since Alexis Arguello turned the trick back in 1978 against Diego Alcala. Unfortunately, that was the only aspect worthy of note. One could hardly call it a contest, let alone a fight.

If you're wondering why the viewing public is subjected to such garbage, the answer is simple: there's just not enough quality challengers to satisfy television's voracious appetite for title bouts. Guys that shouldn't even be considered contenders are passed off as the real thing. Remember Joe Louis' "Bum of The Month"? Well, now we have television's "Stiff of The Week."

Hagler was originally scheduled to face Mickey Goodwin, no world-beater himself. Lee, Micky's Kronk stablemate, got the shot when Goodwin hurt his hand. "Caveman" was reputed to be a good banger with a suspect chin. He never got a chance to show his power, but more than lived up to the other half of his reputation. Maybe his nickname should be "Cave In." He certainly displayed little of the toughness normally associated with his Neanderthal namesake.

To his credit, Lee did try to take the fight to Hagler during the opening moments, failing to land a punch of any consequence before Marvin took over. The spirit was willing, but his ability was woefully lacking.

"I wanted to go out, get him first, dominate the fight," claimed Lee. "But he got me first." Did he ever. Hagler was all business, as serious as a heart attack.

A southpaw jab, Hagler's first meaningful punch of the afternoon, forced Lee, 159½, back into the ropes. A second jab landed, and then came a follow-up left that sent the challenger down on his knees. For all intents and purposes, however, it was the initial lead right that did most of the damage.

"I was surprised he got hurt that easy," said Emanuel Stewart, Lee's manager and trainer. "But I saw a tape in the dressing room, and it was more than a jab . . . almost like a right cross."

Lee bravely struggled to his feet

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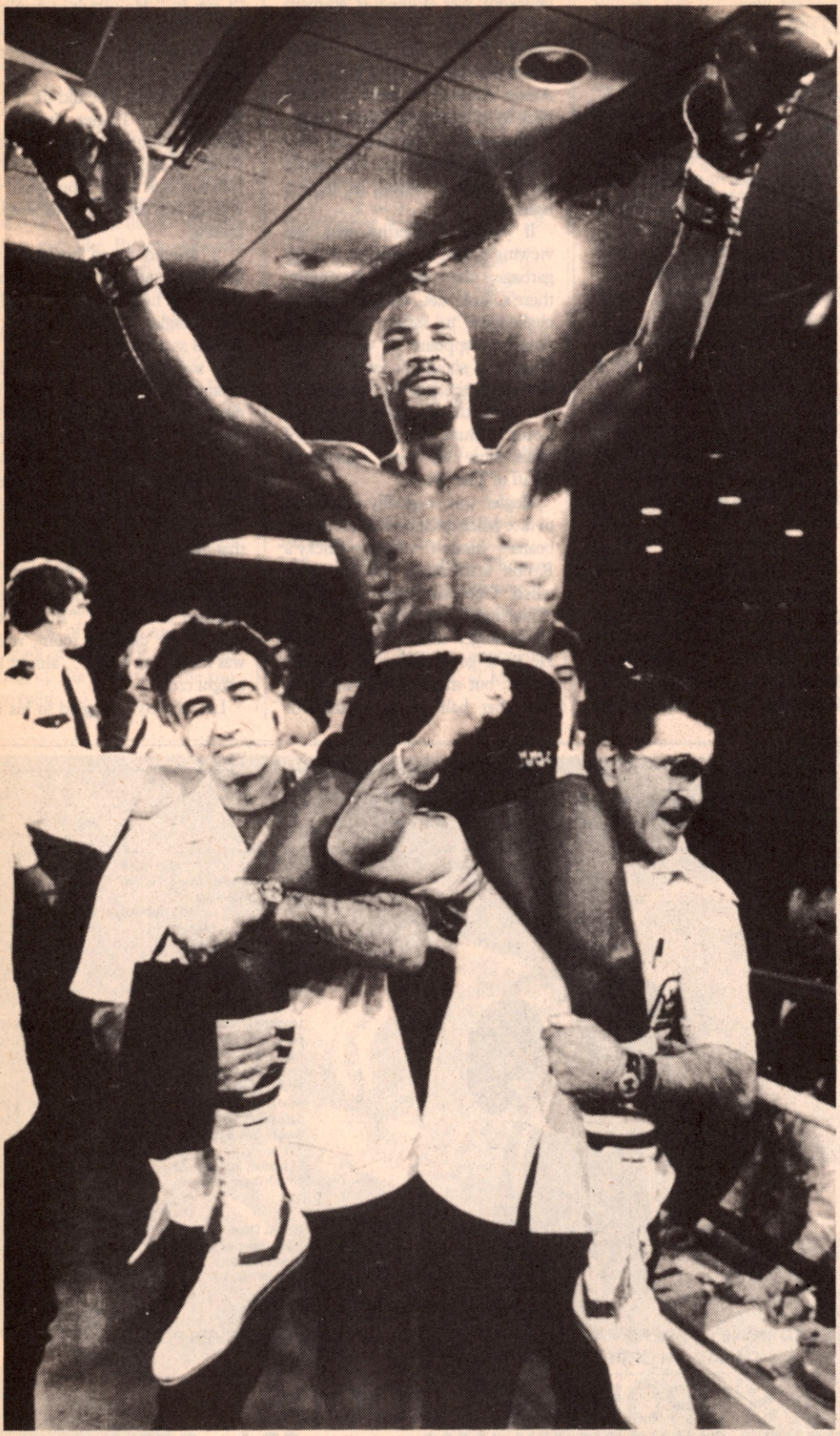

at five, was given the remainder of the compulsory eight-count, and then permitted to fight on by referee Larry Hazzard.

"He was able to respond to my line of questioning," said Hazzard. "I asked him if he was all right. He said he was all right." Of course, he wasn't.

Hagler, always a deadly finisher, piled in, firing both hands in tandem. Several combos drove Lee across the ring where he sucked up punishment until a final right knocked him half-way through the ropes. The stricken boxer grabbed the ropes in a desperate effort to retain his balance. For a few seconds, he swayed precariously like a drunken sailor tangled in the riggings, arms and legs flailing in all directions. Hazzard rushed to the rescue and gently lowered him to the canvas. It was a mission of mercy. Poor "Caveman" was finished before he got started.

"He just caught me early," said the loser. "I was well warmed-up in the dressing room. I got caught with a lucky punch. I was kind of on Queer Street. I really don't remember much." We do, and there was nothing lucky about it. Hagler had Bill in his hip pocket before the ink was dry on the contract. A total mismatch.

Hagler, a sinewy 158, used the post-fight press conference as a forum to hype his proposed match with Tommy Hearns, who was also on hand for the festivities.

"I didn't want too much to show on the tapes, so Tommy wouldn't have too much to look at," joked the champ. "Tommy and I are looking for the same thing—the big money and the Sugarman." Who, this side of the light heavies, isn't?

In the top prelim, Lindell Holmes, 159¾, Detroit, scored a unanimous 10-round decision over Philly's Buster Drayton, 155. It was Holmes' first outing since he was zapped by Irvin Hines, and he still looks a tad gunshy. Drayton came on strong the last few rounds, but it wasn't enough.

In other action, Mike Brown, 130, Phila., won a unanimous decision over Edwin Oquendo, 125¾, Bronx, in a super slugfest that provided the fans with eight solid rounds of punching. Lefty Robert Thomas, 161, Phila., upset previously unbeaten Mike Tinley, 159, Camden, N.J., with a cut-eye TKO at the end of the third. Andre Cooper, 167, Clementon, N.J., blitzed Ron Earp, 168½, Phila., for three knockdowns and an automatic TKO at 2:14 of the first.

The main event was televised live from Balley's Park Palace Hotel Casino over ABC-TV.

Prelim Referees—Vince Rianone and Frank Capucino.

Prelim Judges—Harold Lederman and Richard F. Murry.

Promoter—Top Rank, Inc.

Attendance—1,000 (est.)

(03-07-82)

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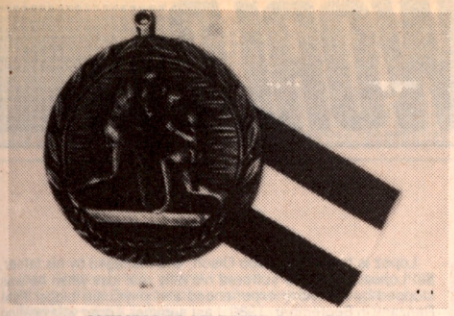

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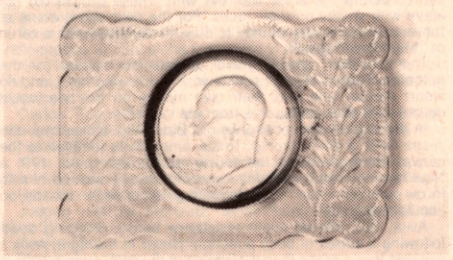

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▲ **SAN FRANCISCO**—Bobby Lloyd, a professional fighter for 11 years, put holes in his shoes after 10 rounds of running and side-stepping against newcomer Oscar Rivadeneyra in the main event at the Civic Auditorium. Llyod's dreadful effort gave a lopsided decision win to Rivadeneyra, who remains unbeaten in 13 pro starts.

The Peruvian light heavyweight, 175, scored his fourth consecutive win in the San Francisco area, and, though he was made to look bad, and his inexperience showed against his opponent, Rivadeneyra pressed the fight from beginning to finish. Lloyd, 176, Miami, completely ignored the frantic advice of his corner and the screams of a few fans, as he choose not to fight, but instead, wrestle, maul, hug, and run.

Referee Dave Nelson scored it 100-90, while judges Vern Bybee and Jack Scheberies called it 100-92 and 99-92, respectively. Lloyd, a veteran of some 60 fights, of which he has won about half, no desire to trade punches, yet alone throw a lead. It appeared that Lloyd wanted nothing mroe than to leave the ring on his own two feet, just the way he came into it, and the customers and his corner and fans could be damned for wanting him to stand and fight.

There were no knockdowns, though certainly many in the audience prayed for one. Rivadeneyra, although the pursuer, was largely ineffective in the early rounds. He kept trying to bring the right over to Lloyd's head, but seldom landed it. Later in the fight, Rivadeneyra, a resident of San Francisco for just one year, began connecting with his right to Lloyd's midsection and ribs.

This was only the second time in five years that a professional boxing card was presented in the city. Around 900 fans showed up, and fortunately, the preliminaries were filled with action.

Barry Nunes, 148, Alameda, stopped Jim Donnelly, 146½, Sacramento, with a barrage of head shots midway through the third in a scheduled six-rounder. Nunes, a former Golden Gloves champion, raised his record to 5-0, with Donnelly his fourth knockout victim.

In another six-rounder, Johnny Nava, 160½, Pacifica, won his fifth in a row as a professional with a split decision over Paul Jones, 162, Sacramento. Nava was all hustle, but lacked the experience to cut the ring off and then set his man up with combinations. It was the first time Nava has failed to stop an opponent.

In other action, Sonny Naupoto, 141½, San Francisco, earned a unanimous decision over four rounds against tough Marcel Wade, 141½, Vallejo. It was an exciting fight, with hundreds of punches thrown by each fighter in every round. In a six-rounder, Mike Anderson, 134, West Los Angeles, scored a fifth round knockout over Tommy Barrett, 137, Sausalito. Finally, Dave Marcella, 147½, San Francisco, ended up with a draw in his pro debut against Robert Logsden, 148½, Sacramento, in a four-rounder.

▲ **SAN JOSE**—You can't blame a promoter for wanting his local fighters to win, but first there's got to be a fight. A promising six-bout card at the Civic Auditorium turned into a ridiculous farce, for, when the out-of-town "opponents" showed up, they quickly folded up.

Boxing was staging a comeback in this city. But following a card of early round knockouts, four in the first round, the fans are sure to hesitate at ventilating their wallets when the promoters try to sell the next monthly show. Some of the opponents didn't need a stool in their corner: a diving board would have been more appropriate. One fell from a slap in the nose. Another quit following a few raps on the ribs. One tripped over his own feet and quickly went into a study of the ceiling. Another fainted just after the opening bell. The upshot of all this is that 2,128 customers, paying over $21,000, barely got settled before the show was ovr with. These people did not leave with smiles on their faces. For the next show, some of these customers may decide to stay home and watch a rerun of "Meet The Press."

The promoter, Joe Gagliardi, cannot be blamed for the outcome. There's a lot of guess-work in a boxing card, and no smart person who puts their own money on the line would deliberately seek massacres from top to bottom.

In the main event, cruiserweight Bash Ali knocked out one Jesse Avila of San Antonio, Texas, when Avila tumbled to the canvas three times in the fourth round. Later, Ali, 179, a Nigerian now living in Oakland, would say, "I wanted him to throw punches. I had hoped it would go six or seven rounds, so I could stay sharp."

Avila, 180, offered token resistance before dropping down following a series of body punches. Never in the fight, Avila's exit was less a crime than the ending of the semi main-event.

Hometown bantamweight Pinky Rivera was awarded a knockout over Mexican Hilario Martinez at 1:09 of the first round after Martinez collapsed under a flicking jab.

Rivera, 121, sent his opponent down with a tap, and as referee Marty Sammon dolefully went to the count of 10, Martinez, 120, suddenly jumped to his feet and went through all the motions of wanting a fight. The next day, ring physician Dr. Joseph Calcagno said, "Martinez was not really hurt. I don't know if he got hit hard or what, but it didn't look that way to me. He seemed fine when I looked at him."

On the undercard (which could describe the entire show), Steve Romero, 130, San Jose, flattened Arturo Dominguez, 128, Los Angeles, in 0:51 of the first round. Steve's brother, Alberto Romero, 168, San Jose, needed just 0:50 of the first to overcome Miquel Agobian, 167, West L.A. The dumpy Agobian went out like a birthday candle. Jesse Dominquez, 130½, Cupertino, knocked out Jerry Lewis, 130, San Jose, in 2:54 of the first. And, finally, J.T. Walker, 126, San Jose, scored a fourth round knockout over Martinez Hernandez, 124½, San Jose, when the loser turned his back and crept to his corner after taking a dozen good punches.

(02-25-82)

▲ **SACRAMENTO**—Junior welterweight Sal Lopez had little difficulty disposing of mediocre German Cuello in the fifth of a scheduled 10-round main event at the Memorial Auditorium. Lopez's performance, against a shop-worn opponent, offered little evidence that he is ready for the top men of his division.

The end came midway in the fifth, when Lopez shot an overhand right to Cuello's chin as they were breaking from a clinch. Cuello crashed to the canvas as if he had been hit in the head with a hammer. Desperately, Cuello struggled to his feet as referee Hank Elespuru reached the count of nine. But, with one look in Cuello's eyes, Elespuru halted the fight. Lopez, from Sacramento, was awarded his 20th knockout win, pushing his record to 23-2 after three and a half years as a professional fighter.

Despite the suddenness of the one-punch knockout, it was hardly a surprise ending. Cuello, a 12-year veteran from Mexico, has fought only five times in the past two years. He suffered his fourth consecutive loss; which is exactly why he was picked for Lopez. Just 22 years old, Lopez has the look of a young man, fresh and strong; while Cuello's face is a montage of scar-tissue and dried-up dreams.

Cuello, 142, presently from Los Angeles, was well behind on points when the fatal package was delivered. Lopez, 143, took command from the opening bell and only Cuello's awkwardness prevented Lopez from getting to him earlier. The first round was slow, with neither fighter willing to rush into a brawl.

In the second, Cuello was smacked to the canvas from a right to the forehead, but got up at the count of six, and, with his senses intact, actually began to do a little fighting. Lopez was urged on by his hometown fans in the third round, but produced little, as he could not position himself to take advantage of his awkward opponent.

In the fourth, Cuello tried winding up a few haymakers to discourage his younger opponent. But his swings were no faster than the Postal Service, and Lopez easily sidestepped them, content to pop in a few counterpunches. A few minutes later, Lopez saw the opening and delivered the knockout punch.

All three official cards favored Lopez. Judges Pros Montano and Terry Smith scored it 40-35 and 39-37, respectively, while referee Elespuru had it 39-37. Promoter Joe Gagliardi had mentioned Bruce Curry as the next opponent for Lopez, providing he got past Cuello. Following the bout, Joe Gagliardi wasn't so sure.

"Cuello got in some wild swings, and if someone with the power of Bruce Curry gets in a clean shot, it'll be lights out for Sal," Gagliardi said. "Sal is still young and his time will come."

Lopez is trained by Bobo Olson, and managed by his father, Sal Lopez, Sr. Lopez suffered his only real lose when he was stopped by the more experienced and physically bigger Pete Ranzany in September, 1980. Last summer, Lopez was beating the stuffing out of Raul Aguirre when a freak cut over the eye made the referee stop the fight and declare Aguirre the winner.

After the bout, Lopez said, "My jab wasn't working tonight. I was missing a lot of punches, no doubt about it. I've been training with the flu and it effected me tonight. The mistakes I made, I'll work on them in the gym."

In a semi-main event, Henry Walker, 157½, Los Angeles, won a unanimous decision over Bert Lee, 153½, San Jose, 10. Lee held the edge in the early rounds, outhustling Walker, who is the state middleweight champion, though this was not a title defense. From round five on, Walker began to punish Lee with overhand rights and hooks to the body. Walker won his title from Erwin Williams with a spectacular one-punch knockout, but he failed to come close to putting Lee on the canvas. The last four rounds were big for Walker. The official cards were 97-96, 97-95, and 96-94.

In a six-rounder, Eric Martin, 145, San Francisco, won a split decision over Tony Powell, 147, Sacramento. Finally, Steve Romero, 127½, San Jose, beat Jesse Renteria, 131, Bakersfield, by a split decision over five.

Attendance—1,242. Gross—$11,398.

CHRISTOPHER COATS

FLORIDA

▲ **TAMPA—Curtis Hixon Hall**—Michael Bradley, 143, Columbus, Ohio, dropped Danny Myers, 145, Inidianapolis, three times in the opening round. The last knockdown resulted from a clean left hook to the jaw, and the referee halted the proceedings at 2:36. It was a scheduled 10, and Bradley's 15th consecutive victory. Michael has won all of his pro fights.

Muricio Rodriguez, 135, Tampa, looked sluggish pounding out a unanimous decision over Carlos Santana, 133, South Carolina, 10. The ex-Cuban is now 12-0.

Dennis Korall, 166, Tampa, kayoed Havis Little, 159, South Carolina, in 1:56 of the second round. Korall scored a knockdown early in the session, and then finished his opponent off with a left hook.

George Prenis, 123, Miami, TKO'd sub Terry Pizzaro, 119, Ft. Lauderdale, at 2:08 of the second.

Alan Hetrick, 156, South Carolina, TKO'd Charles Brown, 156, North Carolina, at 2:18 of the first round. Hetrick is a five-time Golden Gloves champ.

Tony Velasco, 225, Tampa, eked out a close decision over Ed Williams, 252, Oklahoma. Velasco, who suffered a cut over his left eye in the second from a butt, is now 3-0.

Henry McDaniels, 157, South Carolina, TKO'd Henry Granger, 159, Tampa, at 2:16 of the third round in a slugfest.

Alessi Promotions (Phil Alessi).

Matchmaker—Ken Rosenberg.

Attendance—963.

(02-25-82)

▲ **MIAMI BEACH—Victory Park Auditorium**—Ken Whetstone, 160, Homestead, knocked out former state champ Lonnie Wilcox, 157, with a left hook in 2:44 of the third round in a scheduled 10. Whetstone is now 17-0.

Bruce Johnson, 154, Orlando, kayoed Archie Cruz, 152, New York, with a left-right combo in 2:44 of the first round in their scheduled 10.

Woody Clark, 201, Miami, halted Curtis Gaskins, 210, Winter Park, with three knockdowns in the second round of scheduled six. The bout was stopped at 2:10 of the session.

Steve Whestone, 113, Homestead, stopped Cash Momohera, 116, Hawaii, at 2:45 of the fifth round in a scheduled six. This was a real slugfest, and the best fight of the evening. Steve is now 21-2-0 and looking good.

Mel Robinson, 127, Miami, scored two knockdowns enroute to a TKO victory over Terry Kemp, 124, Orlando, at 2:00 of the third.

Ray Dennis, 131, Ft. Lauderdale, TKO'd David Libscomb, 135, Homestead, at 2:55 of the second.

Ceutis Burgess, 146, Miami, knocked out Dennis Green, 156, Ft. Lauderdale, in 2:25 of the second in a scheduled four.

Matchmaker—Lou Barksy.

(02-27-82)

▲ **MIAMI BEACH—Auditorium**—Johnny de la Rosa, 127, Dominican Republic, won a split decision over Hector Cortez, 126¼, Ecuador, 10. Bill Conners, referee. Johnny is now 13-0 since turning pro.

Mab de la Rosa, 150, Johnny's brother, TKO'd Nelson Torres, 154, Chile, at 2:38 of the third round in a companion 10.

Francisco Ruiz, 148, Miami, TKO'd Hector Hernandez, 149, Chile. Referee Eddie Eckhardt stopped the scheduled 10-rounder at 2:59 of round six.

Artie Johnson, 141, Ft. Lauderdale, won a split duke over Raul Hernandez, 144, Miami, six. The fans booed the decision, and held the show up for five minutes by throwing papers into the ring.

Braulio Santiesteban, 132, Miami, floored Victor Williams, 127, Ft. Lauderdale, and stopped him at 1:53 of the first. Braulio is undefeated, and looks good.

Jose Medina, 142, Miami, kayoed Charley Jones, 136, Miami, in 1:15 of the second in a scheduled four-rounder.
Promoter—Felix Zubala.
Matchmaker—Lou Barsky.
Attendance—800.
(03-02-82)

LOUIS ZIPKIN

GEORGIA

▲ **ATLANTA—Hilton Hotel—**Three-time National Golden Gloves champion Jerome (Kid) Coffee, Nashville, Tenn., continued his march to the bantamweight heights by knocking out Johnny (Pooch) Clark, Miami, in 1:20 of the second round. Coffee is now 9-0.

Local welterweight (and the evening's co-promoter) Curtis Tayloe, Atlanta, knocked out Eddie William, nashville, in 1:22 of the fourth round in the semi-main. Taylor is now 20-6. Williams, a last minute sub, is 1-1.

Former Southern Amateur lightweight champion Anthony Murray kayoed Martin Rylas, Miami, in 1:28 of the second. Murray, from Nashville is now 15-2. Rylas is 18-7.

Danny Snachez, Miami, won a bruising unanimous decision over southpaw Gene Taylow, Nashvillw, six, junior welterweights. The official scores were 60-55 (twice) and 59-57. *The Ring* had it 60-56.

Virtually no promotion kept the crowd down, but the relatively excited audience proved again that Atlanta is an untapped market for live professional boxing. The potential is here, if only the promoters utilize the media to cultivate interest.

Referee—Jim Korb.
Judges—Chip Wilt, Gary Korb, Richard Holburgh, Robert Wilson.
Announcer—Carl Thompson.
Promoters—Curtis Taylor and Bill Carmack.
Attendance—300 (est.)

DENIS A. TORRES

ILLINOIS

▲ **CHICAGO—McCormick Inn—**John Collins, 160½, Chicago, kayoed Jessie Abrams, 160, Des Moines, in 2:30 of the ninth round in a scheduled 10.

Roosevelt Green, 150½, Chicago, won a unanimous decision over Jamie Rodriguez, 152, Chicago, 10.

Terry Whitaker, 139½, Chicago, and Nate Stewart, 138, Springfield, Ill., drew, eight.

Lee Roy Murphy, 182, Chicago, TKO'd Frank Draper, 196, Cincinnati, at 2:43 of the second in a scheduled six-rounder.

Randy Smith, 163, Chicago, TKO'd Donald Fincher, 151, Cincinnati, at 1:20 of the fourth round in their scheduled six. Smith, a top ranked U.S. amateur, was making his pro debut.

William Hosea, 204, Bloomington, Ill., knocked out Andrew Lee, 202, Cincinnati, in 0:42 of the first round in another scheduled six. Lee did not appear to have been hit, and has been permanently retired in Illinois. His purse has been held up as well.

Mike Landini, 154½, Chicago, kayoed Lynwood Pollard, 157, Chicago, in the first round of a scheduled four. Pollard has also been retired in Illinois.

Referees—Nate Morgan, Stanley Berg.
Judges—Harold Marovitz, Mike Glienna, Collins Brown, Gerald Hults.
Timekeeper—Al Tremari.
Physician—Jorge Tovar, M.D.
Announcer—Ben Bentley.
Promoter—Ernie Terrell.
Attendance—932.
(01-22-82)

▲ **DANVILLE—Civic Center—**Two eight-rounders headlined.

Steffen Tangstad 215½, Chicago, knocked out Mann Banks, 196½, Cincinnati, in 1:45 of the second in a scheduled eight-rounder.

William Hosea, 201½, Bloomington, Ill., kayoed Larry Givens, 213, Cincinnati, in 1:51 of the second in their scheduled eight-rounder.

Lee Roy Murphy, 185½, Chicago, knocked out Charles Presswood, 181, Cincinnati, in 2:39 of the first round in a scheduled six.

Tony Curovici, 173, Maple Heights, Ohio, won a unanimous decision over John Cox, 181½, Rockford, Ill., six.

Referees—Stanley Berg, Al Preslinger.
Judges—Robert Lorey, John Naylor, Howard Duncan.
Timekeeper—Kenneth Kinch.
Physicians—Alfonso Barque and C.K. Rhee.
Announcer—Dan Rowan.
Promoter—Frank Roose.
Attendance—1,502.
(02-05-82)

▲ **CHICAGO—McCormick Inn—**James C. Batten, 154½, formerly of London, now based in Chicago, TKO'd Billy Page, 155½, Calumet City, Ill., in a scheduled 10. Page could not come out for the fifth round.

Wayne Lynum, 123½, Chicago, TKO'd Tyrone Lee, 128, Des Moines, at 2:54 of the sixth round in their scheduled 10. Lee put up a valiant effort.

Lenny LaPaglia, 162½, Melrose Park, Ill., TKO'd Kevin Cheatum, 156, Cincinnati, at 2:59 of the first round in a scheduled eight. Cheatum was knocked down three times.

Steffen Tangstad, 216½, Chicago, knocked out William Scott, 210, Cincinnati, with what the Illinois Commission called a "mysterious punch" in 0:41 of the second round in a scheduled six.

Dave Starkey, 237, Troy, Ohio, TKO'd Harold Johnson, 195, Indianapolis, at 1:32 of the first round in their scheduled six.

Ali Kareem Muhammad, 148, Chicago, kayoed Robert Hughes, 144, Aurora, Ill., in 1:52 of round three in another scheduled six.

Carlos Tite, 163½, Hammond, Indiana, TKO'd Claude Alexander, 165½, Cincinnati, at 2:41 of the third round in a scheduled four.

Mike Landini, 154, Chicago, won a unanimous decision over Chief Kitchenakow, 153, Menominee Indian Reservation, four.

Referee—Stanley Berg, Nate Morgan.
Judges—Harold Marovitz, Mike Ricci, Harding McCain, Mike Glienna.
Timekeeper—Al Tremari.
Physician—Glenn Bynum, M.D.
Announcer—Angelo Buscaglia.
Promoter—Ernie Terrell.
Attendance—1,010.
(02-19-82)

▲ **CHICAGO—Bismarck Hotel—**John Collins, 162, Chicago, TKO'd former world junior middleweight champion Oscar (Shotgun) Albarado, 163, Uvalde, Texas, in 0:42 of the ninth round in a scheduled 10.

Jake Torrence, 155, Chicago, won a unanimous decision over George Welch, 157, Lincoln, Nebraska, six.

Tom Tarantino, 149, Milwaukee, won a unanimous verdict over Ray McDurmot, 145, Omaha, six. McDurmot, AKA Ray Manefee, put up a good fight.

Mike Landini, 155, Chicago, TKO'd Steve Johnson, 158, Lincoln, at 0:55 of the third round in their scheduled six.

Mike Bovenizer, 179, Midlothian, Illinois, TKO'd Mike Robbinson, 176, Lincoln, at 1:39 of the first round in a scheduled four. Bovenizer was making his pro debut, but Robbinson looked very green.

John Trombino, 135, Cicero, Illinois, TKO'd Steve Clarence, 143, Lincoln, at 2:50 of the second in their scheduled four-rounder.

Referees—Brian O'Shea, Stanley Berg.
Judges—Harold Marovitz, James DiVito, Mike Glienna, Jerry Hults.
Timekeeper—Al Tremari.
Physician—Jorge Tovar, M.D.
Announcer—Angelo Buscaglia.
Promoter—Arthur Kenah.
Attendance—1,976. Gross—$23,030.
(02-26-82)

BOB SODERMAN

MICHIGAN

▲ **DETROIT—Michigan State Fairgrounds—**Willie (Sand Man) Edwards, 177, Detroit, TKO'd the veteran Len (Stinger) Hutchins, 186, Kalamazoo, at 1:36 of the third round. Edwards is now 12-0. Hutchins, who entered the ring as the WBC's eighth ranked cruiser, is 30-4

Greg (Candy Man) Coverson, 134, Detroit, won a unanimous decision over Robert (Bo) Moody, 141, Columbus, Ohio, 10.

Bob West, 160, Detroit, brought his pro log up to 8-1 with a repeat decision over Collins Kellam, 156, Columbus, six. West's only loss has been to Mark Holmes.

Khaliq Muhammad, 148, Detroit, knocked out Paul Farley, 149, Columbus, with a solid right to the chin in 1:29 of the second round. Muhammad is now 7-2.

Tony (The Fighting Schoolteacher) Anthony, 220, Detroit, easily stopped fat Mike Rogers, 255, Columbus, at 2:26 of the second. Anthony is now 10-1.

Alex (Birdman) Byrd, 137, Detroit, TKO'd Chico Rodriguez, 138, Columbus, at 2:46 of the first. Byrd is now 10-0.

Donnie Townson, 198, Columbus, won a upset split decision over Steve (Animal) Flemester, 210, Detroit, four. Townson is now 5-2. Flemester is 1-1.

Detroit Professional Boxing Club.

▲ **KALAMAZOO—Stan & Ollie's Lounge—**James (Buster) Douglas, Columbus, TKO'd Marvin Earle, 220, Vicksburg, at 1:30 of the second. This was Earle's first loss; he's now 5-1-1.

Richard Cade, 236, Salina, Kansas (now boxing out of Kalamazoo), won a unanimous decision over Jack (Two Gun) Watkins, Cleveland.

Brett Lally, 136, Westland, Michigan, TKO'd Jeff Gibson, Kalamazoo, at 2:36 of the fourth and final stanza. Lally is now 3-0.

Brett's brother, Bradd Lally, won a unanimous decision over Bobby King, Cleveland, four, middleweights. Bradd is 2-0.

Joe Byrd, Jr., 175, Flint, stopped David Carter, Columbus at 1:00 of the second.

Chuck (The Hit Man) Warfield, 185, Chicago, outscored Johnny Goodman, Chicago, four.

Terry Holmes, 148, Kalamazoo, kayoed Bobby Davis, Cleveland, in 1:49 of the first. The promising Holmes is now 5-0 with two knockouts.

Professional Management Enterprises (Henry Grooms).
(02-15-82)

DAVE HARTOON

NEW JERSEY

▲ **ATLANTIC CITY—Claridge Hotel Casino—**Boxing continues to skyrocket in this gambling resort, with the Claridge becoming the latest casino to embrace the "sweet science." They will run monthly cards put together by Philly promoter Joe Hand. Most of the shows will feature youngsters from the Montgomery County Boys Club, a bevy of good prospects from the same amateur club that are getting a big buildup.

Jimmy Clark, 211, Coatsville, Pa., stopped Bernie Keys, 225½, Hillcrest Hts., Md., at 2:45 of the first. Easy pickings for unbeaten Clark, a real record-padder.

Joe Thomas, 236¾, Trooper, Pa., scored a knockout over runner Art Artwell, 218, Chester, Pa., at 0:47 of the third. Thomas worked steady behind his left and wore his man down.

Bobby Johnson, 136, Bethlehem, Pa., scored a unanimous decision over Mauri Saalakham, 138¼, Washington D.C., eight. A good boxing match with Johnson pulling away down the stretch.

Steve Traitz, 162¼. Norristown, Pa., TKO'd Robert Hardnick, 155. Phila., at 1:04 of the opening round. A real piece of trash. Hardnick laid down under a flurry of punches after putting up zero effort.

The best fight on the bill was a thrilling war between Fred McMunn, 160½, Phila., and Jimmy Brown, 164, Vineland, N.J., that went to McMunn via a split decision after six rounds of mayhem. Many thought it should have been ruled the other way and a rematch would be a natural.

Willie Harris, 151½, Eagleville, Pa., won a unanimous decision over Wyatt Simkins, 149¼, Phila., in a ho-hummer that went four.

Mark Goodwin, 142¼, Phila., scored a unanimous decision over Billy Jones, 143, Phila., four.

Judges—Sam Sangis and Paul Cavaliere.
Referees—Frank Capucino, Arthur Mercante.
Promoter—Joe Hand.
Attendance—900 (capacity).
(02-21-82)

▲ **ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino—**An excellent main event saw Al (Earthquake) Carter edge veteran "Cocoa" Sanchez via split decision in a real close one. Referee Joe Cortez had it 5-4-1 for Carter, while judge Bill Carrozza had it for Sanchez by the same margin. Judge Milo Savage broke the stalemate with a 5-3-2 tally for Carter. All the fans were not happy. This one could have gone either way.

It was a classic confrontation between a hard-socking kid (Carter) and a tricky veteran (Sanchez). Carter, 136, Alliance, Ohio, came out firing, while Sanchez, 141, Santo Domingo, played it coy for a few rounds. "Cocoa" started to circle away and counter effectively in the third and from then on it was give-and-take. Sanchez had a big rally in the eighth, only to tire the last two sessions, allowing Carter to hustle home a narrow winner. All-in-all, a fine example of pro boxing at its best.

In the prelims, Richard Nixon, 152, Wilkes-Barre, scored a TKO over Gary Evans, 144¼, Vineland, N.J., at 1:14 of the fourth. Evans hit the deck three times in all before referee Joe O'Neal called a halt.

Fred Pendleton, 130¼, Phila., won a four-round unanimous decision over Felix McKinight, 127¾, Alliance, Ohio. Good to see Pendleton win one. He's been matched tough and lost to some rugged customers.

John Picart, 116¾, N.Y.C., drew with Angelo Sanchez, 120½, Bronx, four.

Leon Drummond, 128, Easton, Pa., won a unanimous decision over Ray Evans, 129¼, Phila., in a hard-fought four.

Jose Baret, 149½, Santo Domingo (via N.Y.C.), kayoed Dennis Fain, 149, Akron, Ohio, in 0:55 of the second. A left hook did the job.

Referees—Joe O'Neal, Joe Cortez.
Judges—Milo Savage and Bill Carrozza.
Promoters—Jimmy Menas and Don Elbaum.
Attendance—1,000 (est.)
(02-23-82)

▲ **ATLANTIC CITY—Bally's Hotel Casino—**Veteran Edwin Viruet, 141, Jersey City, had an easy payday, scoring a knockout over late sub Ernie Bing, 140, Atlantic City, at 0:47 of the eighth round. Viruet was originally scheduled to fight Sean O'Grady. When the O'Grady clan decided to continue their feud with Bob Arum and pull a no-show, Bing got the call. He was completely outclassed and collapsed from the cumulative effects of a steady beating.

Brooklyn's Trevor Evelyn, 138, upset Larry Stanton, 141½, with a split 10-round decision. Scores were 7-3 and 5-4-1 for Evelyn, with one vote going to Stanton, 6-3-1. Evelyn started fast, then Stanton came on strong until they both faded down the stretch. Almost too close to call.

Improving Edwin Luis Rivera, 131¾, Hoboken, won a unanimous eight-round decision over Kato Wilson, 134¾,

UNITED STATES RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Greg Page (Kentucky)
1. Gerry Cooney (New York)
2. Michael Dokes (Ohio)
3. Tim Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
4. Randall (Tex) Cobb (Pennsylvania)
5. Renaldo Snipes (New York)
6. James Tillis (Illinois)
7. Jimmy Young (Pennsylvania)
8. John Tate (Tennessee)
9. Leon Spinks (Missouri)
10. Larry Frazier (Washington)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Jerry Martin (Pennsylvania)
1. Matthew Saad Muhammad (Pennsylvania)
2. Eddie Mustafa Muhammad (New York)
3. Carlos DeLeon (Puerto Rico)
4. Murray Sutherland (Michigan)
5. Jerry Celestine (Louisiana)
6. S.T. Gordon (California)
7. Marvin Camel (Montana)
8. James Scott (New Jersey)
9. Marvin Johnson (Indiana)
10. Vonzell Johnson (Indiana)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Dwight Davison (Michigan)
1. Frank Fletcher (Pennsylvania)
2. Ray Seales (Washington)
3. James Green (New Jersey)
4. Wilford Scypion (New Jersey)
5. Alex Ramos (New York)
6. Vinnie Curto (Massachusetts)
7. Bernard Mays (Michigan)
8. Mark Holmes (Pennsylvania)
9. Ronnie Harris (Ohio)
10. Teddy Mann (New Jersey)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Rocky Fratto (New York)
1. Tony Ayala, Jr. (Texas)
2. Gary Guiden (Indiana)
3. Clint Jackson (Tennessee)
4. Bruce Johnson (Florida)
5. James Green (New Jersey)
6. Sean Mannion (Massachusetts)
7. Tony Braxton (New Jersey)
8. Carlos Santos (Puerto Rico)
9. Nino Gonzales (New Jersey)
10. Kevin Morgan (Nevada)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Title Vacant
1. Thomas Hearns (Michigan)
2. Roger Stafford (Pennsylvania)
3. Milton McCrory (Michigan)
4. Donald Curry (Texas)
5. Marlon Starling (Connecticut)
6. Kevin Howard (Pennsylvania)
7. Bobby Joe Young (Ohio)
8. Bruce Finch (Nevada)
9. Mark Harris (New Jersey)
10. Ronnie Shields (Texas)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Johnny Bumphus (Tennessee)
1. Monroe Brooks (California)
2. Dujuan Johnson (Michigan)
3. Willie Rodriguez (Pennsylvania)
4. Steve Hearon (Texas)
5. Billy Costello (New York)
6. Bruce Curry (Texas)
7. Leroy Haley (Nevada)
8. Jorge Morales (California)
9. Sal Lopez (California)
10. Tony Baltazar (California)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Howard Davis, Jr. (New York)
1. Andy Ganigan (Hawaii)
2. Ray Mancini (Ohio)
3. Edwin Viruet (Puerto Rico)
4. Hilmer Kenty (Michigan)
5. Gonzallo Montellano (California)
6. Roberto Elizondo (Texas)
7. Sean O'Grady (Oklahoma)
8. Curtis Harris (New Jersey)
9. Livingstone Bramble (New Jersey)
10. Ken Bogner (New Jersey)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
John Verderosa (New York)
1. Edwin Rosario (Puerto Rico)
2. Frankie Baltazar (California)
3. Bobby Chacon (California)
4. Greg Coverson (Michigan)
5. Irving Mitchell (California)
6. Ruben Munoz (Texas)
7. Tony Santana (New York)
8. Hector Camacho (New York)
9. Johnny Sato (California)
10. Ralph Aviles (Hawaii)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Ruben Castillo (California)
1. Juan LaPorte (New York)
2. Rocky Lockridge (New Jersey)
3. Juan (Kid) Meza (California)
4. Bernard Taylor (Tennessee)
5. Freddie Roach (Arizona)
6. Mark Davis (California)
7. Bernabe Montanez (Puerto Rico)
8. Rocky Garcia (California)
9. Richard Savala (California)
10. Joe Guevara (California)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Mike Ayala (New York)
1. Jaime Garza (California)
2. Carmelo Negron (New York)
3. Diego Rosario (New Jersey)
4. Nicky Perez (Arizona)
5. Oscar Muniz (California)
6. Alberto Mercado (Puerto Rico)
7. Franco Torregoza (California)
8. Derrik Holmes (Maryland)
9. Jose Canizales (Texas)
10. Jose Parilla (Puerto Rico)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Johnny Carter (Pennsylvania)
1. Albert Davila (California)
2. Oscar Muniz (California)
3. Julian Solis (Puerto Rico)
4. Richard Sandoval (California)
5. Freddie Jackson (Texas)
6. Mario Chavez (California)
7. George Garcia (California)
8. Ricardo Varela (California)
9. Ruben Solario (Puerto Rico)
10. Harold Petty (Texas)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Willie Jensen (Nevada)
1. Felix Castillo (Texas)
2. Joey Olivo (California)
3. Orlando Maldonado (Puerto Rico)
4. Alonso Gonzales (California)
5. Jerome Coffee (Tennessee)
6. Julio Rodriquez (Hawaii)
7. Ron Cisneros (Colorado)
8. Norberto Castellanos (Texas)
9. Steve Whetstone (Florida)
10. Jose Torres (Arizona)

The United States Ratings were compiled by the Editors of *Ring*, along with the tabulated ballots of the American panelists on *Ring*'s International Ratings Panel.

Brooklyn, in a battle-royal. Wilson gave it everything he had, but was outboxed and finally outpunched, almost going out the last few rounds.

Russell Kain, 157¾, Staten Island, won a unanimous decision over Danny Perez, 166, N.Y.C., six.

Greg Washington, 132½, Jersey City, TKO'd Allan Figgins, 126, Jersey City, at 2:30 of the sixth in a sensational little war. Washington was down and bloodied early in the third before storming back to floor Figgins with a left hook. Allan also got up, but was too dazed to carry on.

Referees—Joe O'Neal, Vince Rainone.
Judges—Charles Spina and John Stewart.
Promoter—Top Rank, Inc.
Televised over the ESPN cable.
Attendance—900 (est.)
(02-27-82)

NIGEL COLLINS

NEW YORK

▲ **RICHMOND HILL, QUEENS—RKO Theatre**—Johnny Turner, 147, Brooklyn, TKO'd Hubert Jackson, 147½, Newark, at 1:46 of the fourth round. John LoBianco, referee.

Michael DeLaRue, 152, Queens, climbed off the canvas to halt Ricky Holden, 149, Kankakee, Illinois, at 2:14 of the sixth and final session. Charley Norkus, referee.

Paul DeVorce, 124, Yonkers, outscored Bobby Everett, 126, Boston, Mass., eight.

Jimmy Longo, 144, Bronx, outpointed Frank Morganti, 145, Staten Island, six.

Promoters—Gene Moore, John Atkinson.
(02-22-82)

▲ **NEW YORK CITY—Bond's Casino & Disco**—Those who say the new thumbless gloves are interfering with K.O. power lost their argument tonight, as one of Manhattan's most popular midtown discos took a chance on renting out for boxing. They can afford the financial losses for one night, and for a few others, too. Maybe boxing in Manhattan has found a haven.

Jose Rentas, 140½, Puerto Rico, caught Manuel DelaRosa, 139½, Dominican Republic, cold in the first round, backed him into a corner, and knocked him to the canvas with a flurry. Manuel rose at six, but ran into another crushing series of head punches and went down again. Referee Tony Perez stopped it at 1:08 of the session. Quite an upset.

Another first round stoppage saw Jimmy Cruz, 135, New York, TKO Lamont Hall, 131, Jersey City, at 1:53. Joe Santarpia, referee.

Tyrone Jackson, 126½, New York, outpointed veteran loser Jose (Cheo) Ortiz, 128, New York, six. Jackson is still undefeated.

Euclides Valdez, 172, Dominican Republic, knocked out Harold Williams, 175, New York, with a leaping left hook near the end of round two. Williams was counted out after trhe bell.

Peter Minot, 230, New York, survived crashing knockdowns in the second and fourth rounds to win a unanimous (4-2 on all three cards) decision over Roger Troupe, 208, New Jersey, six. An outcome like th is points out the weaknesses of the New York round scoring system.

Promoter—Nancy Sciacca.
(02-26-82)

CHARLES D. BROWN

CANADA

NOVA SCOTIA

▲ **HALIFAX**—Ralph Hollett came in at 164½ for his 12-round Canadian middleweight title defense against Wayne Caplette, 159½, Winnipeg. The Canadian Boxing Federation ruled that the fight could go on, with Caplette becoming the new champ if he won, and the title being declared vacant if Hollett won or if the bout ended in a draw. Hollett won via unanimous (119-113, 115-112, 116-113) decision, and the Canadian Federation is now considering a series of eliminations to determine a new champ.
(01-21-82)

ONTARIO

▲ **TORONTO—Columbus Hall Gymnasium**—Toronto's biggest brewery, Carling O'Keefe, decided to run off a few commercials with a few fights in between. The result was an evening titled "Search For A Champion," and, if the talent displayed is any indication, they need to do a lot more searching.

Johnny Summerhays, 138½, Brantford, won a unanimous decision over Robert Moody, 140, Ohio, eight.

Leo Marsh, 139½, Toronto, outscored Levant Williams, 133½, Windsor, six.

Robby Roe, 148½, Toronto, won a unanimous verdict over Benito Goff, 148, Ohio, six.

Leroy Pink, 143¼, Toronto, halted Chico Rodriguez, 138½, at 1:48 of the first round in their scheduled six. Pink, 18, is loaded with ability.

Winslow Fraser, 165, Toronto, and Randy Armstrong, 161½, Brantford, had their scheduled six-rounder declared a technical draw at 1:16 of the fourth. A clash of heads that resulted in a severe cut on Armstrong's forehead forced the action.

Dean Ferguson, 162, Windsor, won a unanimous decision over William Hodge, 169, Ohio, six. This was one of the better contests.

Terrance Alli, 131, Toronto, halted Nedric Simmons, 125, Toronto, in their scheduled six. Simmons quit after round four.

Bobby Bath, 138, Toronto, and Kenny Smith, 139, had their scheduled six-rounder declared a technical draw after four. Bath received a cut over the eye from an accidental butt.

▲ **TORONTO—Columbus Hall Gymnasium**—Carling O'Keefe presented their second monthly card.

Sam Gervins, 152, Ohio won a unanimous (40-35, 40-33, 38-35) decision over Tommy Bland, 155, Toronto, eight.

Leroy Pink, 142½, Toronto, won a unanimous decision over Richard Davis, 142, Ohio, six.

Paul Rutledge, 132, Ohio, TKO'd Leo Marsh, 132½, Toronto, at 1:24 of the second in their scheduled six-rounder.

Winston Fraser, 167½, Toronto, halted Willie Cole, 164½, Buffalo, at 1:14 of the fourth round in their scheduled six.

Robby Roe, 147, Toronto, stopped Larry Marks, 143, Buffalo, at 2:20 of the second round in their scheduled six.

Remo DiCarlo, 136½, Toronto, won a unanimous decision over late sub Sevant Williams, 133½, Windsor, six.

Bobby Buscombe, 148½, Brantford, won a split decision over Alex McNeil, 150½, Toronto, six.

Averill Brady, 142, Toronto, won a unanimous verdict over taller Bobby Bath, 140½, Toronto, six.

Referees—H. Davis, E. Gaudet, F. Chretien.
Judges—J. Silvers, G. McDonald, R. Hipolito.
Timekeepers—F. Shillolo, A. Paris.
Physicians—Dr. B. Stewart, Dr. A. Murray.
(02-20-82)

QUEBEC

▲ **MONTREAL—Paul Sauve Arena**—Mario Cusson, 144, Montreal, retained his Canadian welter title with a unanimous decision over Alan Clarke, 143¼, Halifax, 12. The official scores were 118-113, 116-113, and 117-115. No knockdowns.

Tony Salvatore, 124½, Montreal, stopped Leonard Pinnock, 124¼, Montreal, at 2:55 of the third round in a scheduled six.

Danny Poole, 146, Toronto, halted Robert Thomas, 153½, Philadelphia, in the fifth round of their scheduled six.

Daniel Levesque, 146, Montreal, won a unanimous decision over Daniel Gagon, Hull, six.

Eddie Melo, 171½, stopped Ricky Myers, 174, Illinois, at 2:39 of the fifth round in their scheduled six.

John Griffin, 159, Montreal, kayoed Roland Gordon, 158, Toronto, in 2:30 of the second in the scheduled four-frame opening contest. Gordon was taken to Maissoneuve Hospital for precautionary measures.

J. Jutras refereed the title bout. Bruno Beaudry, Jean Pellerin, and Claude Theroux were the judges.

Physicians—Dr. P. Meunier, Dr. L. Leclerc.
(01-26-82)

FRANK ALLNUTT

EUROPE

FRANCE

▲ **PARIS**—Richard Caramonoli, France, halted Alex Penarski, Great Britain, at 2:00 of the first, light heavies. Louis Acaries, France, stopped former world junior middleweight champ Oscar Albarado, U.S.A., who did not answer the bell for the ninth round. Andrew Mongolema, Zaire TKO'd Loucif Hamani, France, in the fourth round, middleweights.
(01-21-82)

▲ **LYONS**—Andrew Holyk, France, and Des Gwilliam, Great Britain, drew, eight, lightweights.
(01-17-82)

▲ **GRENOBLE**—Hocine Tafer, France, outscored Bonny McKenzie, Great Britain, 10, light heavies.
(01-23-82)

GERMANY

▲ **BAD HOMBURG**—Toni Habermayer won the vacant Germany welter crown by outscoring Klaus Fuchs, 10. Kurt Halbach, referee.

Jean Andre Emmerich outscored fellow German Rudiger Bitterling, eight rounds, middles.

Rene Weller, Germany, outpointed Isidoro Cabeza, Spain, six, lightweights.

Lothar Stengel, 40, and Rudiger Schmidtke, 38, boxed six two-minute exhibition rounds with Karl Mildenberger acting as the third man.

(01-15-82)

▲ **BERLIN—Deutschlandhalle—**Jean Andrew Emmerich, Germany, TKO'd Ernesto Ros, Italy, in one round, junior middles. Manfred Jassmann, Germany, TKO'd Chris Lawson, Great Britain, in three, light heavise. Chisanda Mutti, Zambia, TKO'd Cordwell Hylton, Jamaica, in three. Matteo Salvemini, Italy, outpointed Agamali, Turkey, 10, middleweights. Frank Wissenbach, Germany, outscored Brian Anderson, Great Britain, 10. Charm Chiteule, Zambia, outscored Laurent Grimbert, France, eight, featherweights. Rene Weller, Germany, TKO'd Bruno de Montis, Italy, in seven, lights.

Promoter—Wilfried Sauerland.

(01-23-82)

▲ **NOTES—**Artur Werner, BDB vice president for years, died after a long illness at the age of 68.

ITALY

▲ **ROME—**Luciano Navarra outpointed Luigi Curcetti, eight rounds, junior welters. Roberto D'Elia TKO'd Mujando Gily in the third. Giuseppe Leto outscored Mauro Da Cruz, six, junior middles. Zwa Lomaini kayoed Bechir Jelassi in round six.

(12-04-81)

▲ **PAVIA—**Everaldo Costa Azevedo outscored Antonio Casado, six, welters. Luigi Tessarin outscored Mohamed Lasmine, six. Arturo De Prezzo TKO'd Antonio Pocai in the fourth round, junior lightweights. Angelo Liguori outpointed Mohamed Lasmine, six rounds, junior middles.

(12-04-81)

▲ **PERUGIA—**Gianfranco Rosi outpointed Oscar Aparicio, six, welterweights.

(12-04-81)

▲ **LIGNANO SABBIADORO—**Sebastiano Sotgia outscored Carlo Foldes, eight, junior welters. Luciano Sorgon outpointed Sid Conteh, eight, welterweights.

(12-)5-81)

▲ **BERGAMO—**Mario Bitetto outscored Nessin Zebellini, six rounds, flyweights. Pietro Rottoli and Guy Marigan drew, four, heavies.

(12-)5-81)

▲ **CAGLIARI—**Giuseppe Di Padova won the Italian welter title by kayoing Francesco Aresti in the third round. Giancarlo Ravaioli outscored Renzo Mannai, six, feathers. Fabio Mannai outpointed Angelo Quintavalle, six, junior lights.

(12-09-81)

▲ **MILAN—**Patrizio Oliva knocked out Mosino Maleke in the first round, junior welters. Nino LaRocca kayoes Jimmy Heair in the eighth session, welters. Sumbu Kalambay outpointed Jose Lozano, eight, middleweights. Angelo LaMattina kayoed Michele Moinard in the first round. Aniello Jovino outscored Andrea Ricci, six, junior lights.

(12-11-81)

▲ **FLORENCE—**Gaetano Ardito TKO'd Rufino Angula in the fourth round, middles.

(12-11-81)

▲ **PORDENONE—**Walter Cevoli TKO'd Eric Kopec in three, light heavies. Eupremio Epifani outscored Salvatore Agate, eight, junior welters. Ernesto Ros kayoed Mario Baseotto in the eighth round, junior middles. Walter Giogetti outpointed Joseph Sekisambu, eight, bantamweights.

(12-11-81)

▲ **VO EUGANO—**Luciano Sorgon outpointed Mazingu Munkongo, six, welterweights. Sebastiano Sotgia outscored Jamel Hamdouche, six.

(12-18-81)

▲ **MILAN—**Joey Gibilisco kayoed Ramon Garcia Marichal in the first round. Pasquale Mazza TKO'd Marco Gallo in eight, feathers. Umberto Morri outpointed Corrado Infante, six, flyweights. Franco Cherchi outscored Mario Bitetto, eight. Clement Ishinza outpointed Giuseppe di Padova, eight, welters.

(12-18-81)

▲ **PESARO—**Domenico Adinolfi outscored Daniele Laghi, 12 (Italian heavyweight title). Jose Gimenez outpointed Samuel Serunyogi, eight, junior welters. Nazaro Mariotti TKO'd Giuseppe Semilia in five, junior middles. Moses Nsamba TKO'd Marcello Paciucci in four, light heavies.

(12-18-81)

▲ **BELLONA—**Alfonso Carillo outpointed Joe Messa, eight, junior welters. Gabriele di Stazio outscored Eymono Bogunga, six, junior lights.

(12-23-81)

▲ **MARSALA—**Sonny Kaminga and Giuseppe Leto drew, six, junior middles. Santiago Alvarez outscored Palmiro Marsala, six, junior lights.

(12-23-81)

▲ **GROSSETO—**Alessandro Scapecchi TKO'd Potito Di Muro in six, lightweights.

(12-26-81)

▲ **BOLOGNA—**Nino La Rocca TKO'd Michael Herron in six, welterweights. Angelo Fenu and Piero Spadaccini drew, six. Angelo La Mattina outscored Mauro Da Cruz, six, middleweights. Sumbu Kalambay TKO'd Gabriele Lazzari in six. Simadilu Lubaki outscored Fabrizio Saraulio, six, lights.

(12-26-81)

▲ **RIMINI—**Walter Cevoli TKO'd Alessandro Cardoso in seven, light heavies. Louis Stecca TKO'd Manuel Carrasco in two, feathers. Pierangelo Pira TKO'd Francesco Gallo in five, welters. Roberto Masini outscored Giuseppe Agate, eight, junior welters.

(12-26-81)

▲ **REGGIO EMILIA—**Roberto D'Elia outscored Josias Da Silva, eight, junior welters. Ernesto Ros outpointed Jose Luis Riberiro, eight, junior middles.

(12-26-81)

▲ **PIACENZA—**Patrizio Oliva TKO'd Antonio Antino in three (Italian junior welterweight title). Ciro De Leva outscored Francisco Garcia, eight, flyweights. Gennaro Mauriello and Jawe Davis drew, six, light heavies. Gaetano Caso outscored Walter Lomani, six, welters.

(12-26-81)

▲ **CREMONA—**Giuseppe Fossati kayoed Nessin Zebellini in the sixth round, bantams. Giancarlo Compiani outpointed David Munhutovich, six.

(12-27-81)

▲ **CAGLIATI—**Roberto Serrelli TKO'd Luciano Frasca in three, Antonio Stochino outscored Mario Loreni, eight, middles.

(12-27-81)

▲ **SAN DONA—**Sebastiano Sotgia outscored Andre Blanco, eight, lightweights. Luciano Sorgon TKO'd Raffaele Salomone in seven, welters.

(12-29-81)

▲ **SEREGNO—**Lorenzo Zanon and Rinaldo Pellizzari drew, eight, heavies. Guido Trane outscored Giovanni De Luca, eight.

(12-27-81)

▲ **LOANO—**Lorenzo Paciullo TKO'd Alfredo Raininger in five (Italian junior lightweight title). Giuseppe La Vite outscored Laurent Grimbert, six, featherweights.

(12-30-81)

JACK A. TREE

LATIN AMERICAN RATINGS BY THE LATIN AMERICAN BOXING FEDERATION (AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 1982)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Luis Acosta (Argentina)
1. Bernardo Mercado (Colombia)
2. Domingo D'Elia (Argentina)
3. Gilberto Acuna (Costa Rica)
4. Ruben Zamorro (Argentina)
5. Jorge Flores (Argentina)
6. Wendell Joseph (Trinidad)
7. Waldemar Paulhino (Brazil)
8. Eddie Lopez (Mexico)
9. Eusebio Hernandez (Mexico)
10. Augusto Dos Santos (Brazil)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Miguel Cea (Chile)
1. Tomas Polo (Colombia)
2. Cesar Duarte (Argentina)
3. Carlos Flores (Uruguay)
4. Antonio Garrido (Chile)
5. Abel Bailone (Argentina)
6. David Cabrera (Mexico)
7. Oscar Rivadeneyra (Peru)
8. Stanley Williams (St. Marteen)
9. Tomas Ortiz (Panama)
10. Ibi Zimmerman (Curacao)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Jacinto Fernandez (Argentina)
1. Manuel Zambrano (Colombia)
2. Antonio Montano (Curacao)
3. Marcos Geraldo (Mexico)
4. Juan Roldan (Argentina)
5. Dunio Mercado (Ecuador)
6. Sigfrido Colorado (Colombia)
7. Hugo Corro (Argentina)
8. Joaquin Macias (Mexico)
9. Ruben Pardo (Argentina)
10. Jose Baquedano (Mexico)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Patricio Diaz (Argentina)
1. Pedro Cisneros (Nicaragua)
2. Alejandro Garrido (Chile)
3. Emiliano Villa (Colombia)
4. Kenny Bristol (Guyana)
5. Marcelo Quinonez (Peru)
6. Nicanor Camacho (Colombia)
7. Joao Tavares (Brazil)
8. Adalberto Venegas (Colombia)
9. Roberto Rudas (Panama)
10. Alfredo Estrada (Peru)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Fernando Rocco Castro (Peru)
1. Rafael Piamonte (Colombia)
2. Humberto Barloa (Argentina)
3. Jose Joaquin Baret (Dominican Rep.)
4. Victor Nilo (Chile)
5. Matteo Valdez (Colombia)
6. Inocencio (Mao) de la Rosa (Dominican Rep.)
7. Segundo Murillo (Ecuador)
8. Pedro Gallardo (Peru)
9. Frank Albertus (Curacao)
10. Jose Salazar (Panama)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Mercedes Espinoza (Peru)
1. Felix Reyes (Dominican Rep.)
2. Martin Rojas (Colombia)
3. Jose Salazar (Panama)
4. Lennox Blackmoore (Guyana)
5. Cristobal Torres (Colombia)
6. Oscar Huerta (Chile)
7. Ricardo Alfaro (Argentina)
8. Cesar Navas (Venezuela)
9. Adriano (Nani) Marrero (Dominican Rep.)
10. Wianey Ruiz (Costa Rica)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Orlando Romero (Peru)
1. Luis Beltran (Venezuela)
2. Antonio (Kid Can) Cruz (Dominican Republic)
3. Sergio Alvarez (Colombia)
4. Emilio Guerrero (Nicaragua)
5. Ruddy Alpizar (Costa Rica)
6. Pedro Miranda (Chile)
7. Rafael Williams (Panama)
8. Dante Serradilla (Argentina)
9. Sebastian Mosqueira (Brazil)
10. Roberto (Lazarito) Hernandez (Dominican Rep.)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Benedicto Villablanca (Chile)
1. Manuel Gonzalez Amaya (Costa Rica)
2. Juan Manriquez (Chile)
3. Walter Gonzalez (Peru)
4. Carlos Alberto D'Silva (Brazil)
5. Victor Pacheco (Colombia)
6. Ezequiel (Cocoa) Sanchez (Dominican Rep.)
7. Denis Moran (Nicaragua)
8. Chucho Zimmerman (Curacao)
9. Enrique Maxwell (Panama)
10. Jose Vidal (Dominican Rep.)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Victor Torres (Peru)
1. Patrick Ford (Guyana)
2. Johnny DeLaRosa (Dominican Rep.)
3. Juvenal Ordenes (Chile)
4. Jose (Monita) Jimenez (Dominican Rep.)
5. Alvaro Marvaez (Colombia)
6. Ruben Veliz (Venezuela)
7. Guillermo Morales (Mexico)
8. Julio (Raton) Hernandez (Nicaragua)
9. Aquilino Asprilla (Panama)
10. Hipolito Nunez (Argentina)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Esteban Bustos (Argentina)
1. Juan Araneda (Chile)
2. Julio Llerena (Colombia)
3. Jose (Karate) Loor (Ecuador)
4. Cleo Garcia (Nicaragua)
5. Felix Rodriguez (Panama)
6. Jose Caba (Dominican Rep.)
7. Leopoldo (Gallito) Frias (Dominican Rep.)
8. Raul Gonzalez (Venezuela)
9. Carlos Bejarano (Nicaragua)
10. Enrique Maxwell (Panama)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Benito Badilla (Chile)
1. Danilo Batista (Brazil)
2. Ricardo Bennett (Panama)
3. Jose R. Pena (Dominican Rep.)
4. Julian Solis (Puerto Rico)
5. Horner Meza (Colombia)
6. Jose Narvaez (Argentina)
7. Norberto Cabrera (Mexico)
8. Jose Jimenez (Ecuador)
9. Gardenio Ulloa (Chile)
10. Freddy Hernandez (Colombia)

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Julio Soto Solano (Dominican Rep.)
1. Milciades Alvarez (Panama)
2. Javier Brown (Colombia)
3. Adelaido Galindo (Mexico)
4. Ignacio Espinal (Dominican Rep.)
5. Modesto Gomez (Nicaragua)
6. Freddy Castillo (Mexico)
7. Miguel Lora (Colombia)
8. Carlos Chavez (Panama)
9. Daniel Casan Solano (Costa Rica)
10. Eusebio Espinal (Dominican Rep.)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Gabriel Sepulveda (Chile)
1. Jaime Miranda (Chile)
2. Antonio Nery (Dominican Rep.)
3. Pedro Romero (Panama)
4. Rafael Julio (Colombia)
5. Elpidio de Paula (Dominican Rep.)
6. Segundo Toledo (Peru)
7. Luis Ibarra (Panama)
8. Jovito Rengifo (Venezuela)
9. Oscar Bolivar (Venezuela)
10. Nestor Obregon (Nicaragua)

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Alfonso Lopez (Panama)
1. Agustin Garcia (Colombia)
2. Hector Rey Melendez (Dominican Rep.)
3. Luis Beltran (Chile)
4. German Torres (Mexico)
5. Rafael Cabrera (Dominican Rep.)
6. Reynaldo Becerra (Venezuela)
7. Hermogenes Murillo (Panama)
8. Ruddy Cranford (Nicaragua)
9. Rodolfo Rodriguez (Argentina)
10. Jose Badilla (Nicaragua)

UNITED KINGDOM

▲ **LONDON—National Sporting Club—**It was former world lightweight champion Ken Buchanan's last fight. After being outpointed by George Feeney, Ken announced his retirement over the ring microphone.

This followed plans for a bout in Nigeria which fell through. He came in against Feeney as a late substitute for the indisposed Ricky Beaumont in a fight which was to have been a final eliminator for the British title.

I heard about Ken's decision to have just one more fight on British soil from NSC matchmaker Les Roberts when we met a few days earlier at the Annual Dinner of the British Boxing Writers' Club. Les asked me, "Guess who's taking Beaumont's place?"

I was surprised to hear it was Ken, but it will be remembered that he had most of his early fights at the NSC, and paid tribute to Les Roberts afterwards, saying—"Les was with me for my first fight, and is with me for my last."

The result was predictable. Feeney was superbly fit; Ken had taken the bout at a few days' notice. So it was to the latter's credit that there was just a three rounds margin, scoreline 79½-78. Both boxers were inside 138 pounds.

So delighted were the patrons that they threw in nobbins to the amount of £30. Buchanan was 12 years older than his opponent, and understandably all his good work came in the first few rounds, when he revealed some of the form of former days in spite of being marked by both his eyes.

Then the pace began to tell, and, although the moves were still there, the speed wasn't. Neither was the stamina. Feeney will have learned a great deal from this bout, and the Hartlepool boxer's performance was impressive.

Buchanan remains in boxing as a manager, and takes over an Edinburgh public house, which will be called The Noble Art. He climbed out of the ring to a fine ovation, probably from

EUROPEAN RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Lucien Rodriguez (France)
1. Felipe Rodriguez (Spain)
2. Domenico Adinolfi (Italy)
3. Sylvain Watbled (France)
4. Alfredo Evangelista (Spain)
5. Neville Meade (Great Britain)
6. Gordon Ferris (Great Britain)
7. Giovanni De Luca (Italy)
8. Billy Aird (Great Britain)
9. Bernd August (Germany)
10. Al Syben (Belgium)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Rudi Koopmans (Netherlands)
1. Hocine Tafer (France)
2. Bunny Johnson (Great Britain)
3. Alex Blanchard (Netherlands)
4. Fred Serres (Belgium)
5. Christiano Cavina (Italy)
6. Ennio Cometti (Italy)
7. Richard Caramanolis (France)
8. Dennis Andries (Belgium)
9. Tom Collins (Great Britain)
10. Walter Cevoli (Italy)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Tony Sibson (Great Britain)
1. Roy Gumbs (Great Britain)
2. Matteo Salvemini (Italy)
3. Nicola Cirelli (Italy)
4. Jacques Chinon (France)
5. Pierre Joly (France)
6. Frank Winterstein (France)
7. Eddie Burke (Great Britain)
8. Jose Lozano (Spain)
9. Eddie Smith (Great Britain)
10. Frank Wissenbach (Germany)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Luigi Minchillo (Italy)
1. Maurice Hope (Great Britain)
2. Herol Graham (Great Britain)
3. Louis Acaries (France)
4. Marijan Benes (Yugoslavia)
5. Chris Christian (Great Britain)
6. Jimmy Batten (Great Britain)
7. Erwin Heiber (Germany)
8. Jose Hernandez (Spain)
9. Dum Dum Pacheco (Spain)
10. Torben Andersen (Denmark)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Jorgen Hansen (Denmark)
2. Colin Jones (Great Britain)
3. Jo Kimpuani (France)
4. Hans Hendrik Palm (Denmark)
5. Kirkland Laing (Great Britain)
6. Franco Aresti (Italy)
7. Piero Angelo Piras (Italy)
8. Richard Rodriguez (France)
9. Roger Zenon (France)
10. Fred Coranson (France)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Clinton McKenzie (Great Britain)
1. Antonio Guinaldo (Spain)
2. Patrizio Oliva (Italy)
3. Giuseppe Martinese (Italy)
4. Giuseppe Russi (Italy)
5. Steve Early (Great Britain)
6. Des Morrison (Great Britain)
7. Sylvester Mittee (Great Britain)
8. Lucien Navarra (Italy)
9. Eupremio Epifiano (Italy)
10. Chris Sanigar (Great Britain)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Giuseppe Gibilisco (Italy)
1. Jim Watt (Great Britain)
2. Ray Cattouse (Great Britain)
3. Charlie Nash (Great Britain)
4. Francisco Leon (Spain)
5. Jose Luis Heredia (Spain)
6. George Feeney (Great Britain)
7. Lucio Cusma (Spain)
8. Dave McCabe (Great Britain)
9. Ricky Beaumont (Great Britain)
10. Rene Weller (Germany)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Carlos Hernandez (Spain)
1. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (Great Britain)
2. Jose Luis Vicho (Spain)
3. Carlos Rodriguez (Spain)
4. Alfredo Raininger (Italy)
5. Salvatore Liscapade (Italy)
6. Daniel Londas (France)
7. Angelo Licata (Belgium)
8. Luigi De Rosa (Italy)
9. Alain Le Fol (France)
10. Roman Marichal (Italy)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Salvatore Melluzzo (Italy)
1. Pat Cowdell (Great Britain)
2. Roberto Castanon (Spain)
3. Steve Sims (Great Britain)
4. Jimmy Flint (Great Britain)
5. Loris Stecca (Italy)
6. Esteban Equia (Spain)
7. Cecilio Lastra (Spain)
8. Michele Siracuse (Italy)
9. Philippe Maryin (France)
10. Jean Marc Renard (Belgium)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Valerio Nati (Italy)
1. John Feeney (Great Britain)
2. Giuseppe Fossati (Italy)
3. Vicente Rodriguez (Spain)
4. Juan Francisco Rodriguez (Spain)
5. Dave Smith (Great Britain)
6. Davy Larmour (Great Britain)
7. Luis de la Sagra (Spain)
8. Manuel Barquim (Spain)
9. Roberto Serreli (Italy)
10. Giancarlo Ravaioli (Italy)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Charlie Magri (Great Britain)
1. Paolo Castrovilli (Italy)
2. Manuel Carrasco (Spain)
3. Kelvin Smart (Great Britain)
4. Dave George (Great Britain)
5. Enrique Rodriguez Cal (Spain)
6. Gary Nickels (Great Britain)
7. Franco Cherchi (Italy)
8. Giamiero Pinna (Italy)
9. Ciro De Leva (Italy)
10. Mariano Garcia (Spain)

some of the same fans who welcomed his debut at the same venue 17 years earlier. I wish him the best of luck.

Paul Kelly, Doncaster, 148, outscored Mike Clemmow, Camborne, 145, over eight by 79-78. Clemmox finished strongly, but by then it was too late.

Nobbins were also thrown in, amounting to £46, after Mike Rowley, Merthyr, and Lee Hartford, Leicester, 138¼, had drawn over six. The pace was fast throughout, and the result was the only one possible.

Geoff Rhymer, Hull, 172, outpointed Joe Gregory, Norwood, 177, over six by 59½-58½, showing much more aggression. Gregory was marked by the left eye.
(01-25-82)

▲ **LONDON—Lewisham Concert Hall**—Jimmy Cable, 152¼, kept his unbeaten record, but it was a near thing. He was decked in round two, then got up to outjab Tony Britton, Lewisham, 155½, over eight by 79-78½, the narrowest possible margin.

It was a short right to the chin that put Cable on the canvas. He rose at seven, and backpedalled with Britton chasing him, taking one or two more right hands in the process.

But Jimmy survived, and got back into the fight with some neat jabbing. Britton was still coming forward, and each took a few hefty digs. Cable's cleaner punching saw him home—but only just.

When they met before, Cable also won on points.

Devon Bailey, Battersea, 180½, didn't lose a round in outscoring Joe Gregory, 175, over six by 60-57½. Both were cut around the eyes.

Pat Doherty, Croydon, 127¾, kayoed Tony Whitmore, Norwich, 126¼, in round two with a right to the chin.

Winston McKenzie, Croydon, 139, also won by a knockout, disposing of Vince Griffin, Widnes, 136, in round three after dropping him for six.

Noel Blair, Tottenham, 152, outpointed Jimmy Ward, Southampton, 152, over six, not losing a round in his 60-58½ victory. Ward contested the issue creditably, and nobbins came into the ring afterwards.

Thomas Leonard, Islington, 126, also didn't lose a round in outpointing Michael Betts, Norwich, 128¼, over four. Scoreline: 40-39.
(12-15-81)

▲ **BIRMINGHAM—Arden Sporting Club**—Trevor Cattouse, 178, outscored Antonio Harris, 179, by 79-78 over eight. Cattouse was cut by the left eye.

Ian Murray, Birmingham, 150, outscored Jimmy Smith, Tottenham, 151, over six by 59½-58. A comfortable victory for Murray, who occasionally switched to a southpaw stance. Neville Wilson, 158, outscored Hugh Johnson, 162, over six by 59-58½.

A close thing for Kevin Johnson, Birmingham, 145, who outscored Mark Crouch, Epsom, 145, by a narrow 59-58½ over six.
(12-21-81)

▲ **BRADFORD—Yorkshire Executive Sporting Club**—Former Olympic boxer Joey Frost, Liverpool, 150, made it four wins in succession as a pro by knocking out Nigel Thomas, Swansea, 155, in round two. Thomas' nose was broken.

Robbie Robinson, Liverpool, 135, outpointed Eric Wood, Tenaby, 136, over eight by 80-77, not losing one of the eight rounds. There was never any doubt about the result, and Robbie's biggest problem was in catching up with his opponent, who went backwards throughout at an alarming rate.

Sammy Brenna, Liverpool, 160, outpointed substitute Joe Jackson, Leicester, 162, by 59½-58½ over six. Jackson's right eye was injured in round five, and in the following session, he went to one knee, but was up without a count.

In a battle of debutants, Kevin Pritchard, Liverpool, 135¼, outpointed J.J. Barrett, 136, over six. Barrett was down in round four, and both were warned for persistent holding. Scoreline: 59½-58½.
(12-21-81)

▲ **DURHAM—Van Mildert College**—This promotion was in aid of the Mayor of Durham's Appeal Fund, but the extreme weather conditions meant that only two contests took place.

Gerry Beard, Nottingham, 135½, beat Ken Foreman, Hartlepol, 137½, the bout being stopped in round six after Foreman had been down three times.

Foreman has had a peculiar career so far. He won his first 11 fights, but has now lost his last three, all inside the distance.

Ray Plang, South Shields, 124, narrowly outpointed Keith (twin brother of Ken) Foreman, 127, by 59½-59 over six. It was as close as the scoreline indicated, and possibly the last round shaded it for Plant.
(01-08-82)

▲ **LONDON—York Hall**—A nobbins fight is always the best way to start a New Year, and Jimmy Cable, Orpington, 155, and George Walker, Ealing, 156, served up some scintillating stuff, with Cable taking a 79-78 points win over eight.

Cable thus preserved his unbeaten record, and did it in style. He utilized to the full his advantages in height and reach, and was always in command at long range.

Walker's best moments came at close quarters, on the occasions when Cable elected to stand his ground and punch it out. But these occasions were few and far between, and Walker soon bled from the nose and mouth.

In the final session, Walker was cut by the left eye, but too late for Cable to cash in. An excellent contest, a comfortable victory for Cable, but full marks to Walker for his fine contribution.

Vernon Vanreil, Tottenham, 138½, knocked out Glyn Rhodes, 137½, in round two after decking him for nine.

There was an unusual "No Contest" when the referee disqualified both boxers, Devon Bailey, Battersea, 176½, and Keith Bristol, Clapham, 179½, in round four. Their styles did not blend, and there was much clinching and holding. Doubtless they were both doing their best, and it was an unfortunate ending.

Ivor Jones, Holloway, 116½, beat substitute Joe Park, Glasgow, 121, the bout being stopped in round three.

Park took a body shot that put him to his knees, and the referee didn't bother to count.

Arthur Davis, Orpington, 155½, shook off the handicap of a cut left eye to beat Richard Wilson, Nuneaton, 156½, the referee intervening when Wilson, too, was cut by both eyes, the left eye injury looking serious.

Steve Gee, Birmingham, 206, outscored debutant Martin Herdman, Kingston, 206, over six by a narrow 59½-59.
(01-12-82)

▲ **LIVERPOOL—Liver Sporting Club**—A draw seemed a fair result after Dave Taylor, Liverpool, 143, and Steve Tempro, Leicester, 142½, had battled it out for eight hectic rounds.

In a match of debutants, Paul Atherton, Manchester, 148, outpointed Dalton Jordan, Leicester, 150, over six by 59½-58.

Kevin Pritchard, Liverpool, 137, beat Vince Griffin, Widnes, 136½, the contest being halted halfway through the opening round with Griffin under pressure and cut by the nose and mouth.

Peter Flanagan, Manchester, 137, knocked out Savvy Amer, 138, in round two with a right to the jaw.
(01-11-82)

▲ **LONDON—World Sporting Club**—Tony Britton, Lewisham, 158½, outscored substitute Curtis Marsh, 160, over eight by a narrow 78½-78. Britton bled from the nose in a hectic encounter. Marsh obviously didn't agree with the verdict, but it looked a fair one.

Tim Moloney, Brighton, 145, outpointed Jimmy Smith, Tottenham, 149, over eight by 79½-78. Moloney had been inactive for a couple of months, but after a slow start was completely in control by the second half of the fight.

Former Olympic Bronze Medalist Hugh Russell, Belfast, 116, comfortably outscored Mike Wilks, Merthyr, 120½, by 59½-58 over six.

Patsy Quinn, Belfast, 138½, didn't lose a round in outpointing Eric Wood, Doncaster, 140, over six by 60-58½, but the latter finished strongly, and there was some booing.
(01-18-82)

▲ **BURSLEM—Mayfair**—Gary Lucas, Liverpool, 127½, convincingly outpointed Stuart Shaw, Nottingham, 125, over eight by 79-78. The former's height and reach advantages paid off, and he was able to jab his way to victory in spite of Shaw's good work in the last two rounds.

Peter Bennett, Sheffield, made it four in a row by outscoring Gary Knight, West Ham, 146½, by 59½-58 over six.

Mark Kelly, Crewe, 159, avenged a previous loss and didn't lose a round in outpointing Willie Wright, Birmingham, 160, over six.

In an interesting four-rounder, Dave Harrison, Stoke, 140, gained a narrow 39½-39 verdict over John Malone, Manchester, 140. Most fans would have been satisfied with a draw, but Harrison looked promising for a 17-year-old.
(01-20-82)

▲ **SOLIHULL—Midlands Sporting Club**—Antonio Harris, Birmingham, 179, cast a spanner into the works by outpointing Midlands Area light heavyweight champion Roy Skeldon, 175, in a 10-round non-title fight. Scoreline: 98½-97½.

As a result, Harris will now be given the chance of meeting Skeldon with the latter's title at stake.

Apparently there is a club rule that patrons should not throw nobbins into the ring, but, on this occasion, the action was spontaneous, and the boxers shared 50.

It was punch-for-punch almost throughout.

Out of the ring for over a year, Manny Gabriel, 203, came back with a bang to knock out Noel Quarless, Liverpool, 215, in 2:20 of round one.

Clive Beardsley, Derby, 176, outpointed Glenroy Taylor, Chiswick, 177, over six by 59½-57½. Not a fight to remember.
(01-20-82)

▲ **LONDON—Anglo-American sporting Club**—Nobbins came into the ring after Gary Nickels, Paddington, 117½, outpointed Andy King, Maesteg, 119, over eight by 79½-77½.

Former flyweight contender Nickels looked comfortable in his bantam debut, and three-fight novice King showed great promise. The latter was down in round one, but quickly recovered.

Andy Palmer, Liverpool, 206½, kayoed Bob Young, Croydon, 210, in the opening round.

Lloyd Honeyghan, Bermondsey, 146, confirmed a previous victory by knocking out Dave Finigan, Balham, 145½, in round two. Even so, Finigan did better than last time—when he was kayoed in round one. Lloyd thus keeps his unbeaten record.

Glenroy Taylor, Chiswick, 177¼, came good after 12 successive defeats by beating Scott Wilde, Torquay, 177, the referee intervening in round two.
(01-25-82)

▲ **WOLVERHAMPTON—Civic Hall**—Paul Chance, Wednesbury, 135, won the vacant Midlands Area lightweight title by narrowly outpointing Mickey Baker, Worcester, 135, over 10 by 98-97½.

Dave Taylor, Liverpool, 144, outscored Gery Buckle, Wednesbury, 147, by 79-78 over eight. Buckle was decked twice.

Martin McGough, Coventry, 143, confirmed a previous win by beating Paul Murray, Birmingham, 145, the bout being stopped in round four after the latter had been down three times. When they met before, McGough won on points.

John Humphreys, Shrewbury, 161, outscored Willie Wright, Birmingham, 161, not losing a round in a 60-58 points win over six. It was the third time he had beaten Wright, so he can now wrap him up and take him home.

Kostas Petron, Birmingham, 144, outpointed Aiden Wake, Leeds, 144, over six by 59½-58½.

In a duel of debutants, Dan Myers, Northampton, 150, outpointed Paul Mitchell, Leeds, 152, over six by 59½-59. Many disagreed with the verdict.
(01-25-82)

▲ **GLASGOW—St. Andrews Sporting Club—**Billy Lauder, Bonnyrigg, 161¼, outscored Doug James, Swansea, 163, over eight by a narrow 79-78½. Southpaw Lauder looked good value for his win, and seemed the fresher of the two at the close, with James bruised by the right eye.

John Sharkey, Glasgow, 126, outpointed Jarvis Greenidge, Birmingham, 129, over eight by 79-78.

Jeff Pegler, Swansea, 143½, drew with Gary Petts, Hull, 145, over six.

Gary Jones, Stirling, 177, outpointed Steve Babbs, Swansea, 176½, over six. Babbs finished strongly, and there were those who thought that he deserved at least a draw.
(01-25-82)

▲ **BRADFORD—Yorkshire Executive Sporting Club—**Robbie Robinson, Liverpool, 137, beat Colin Wake, Hull, 137¼, the bout being stopped in round six after substitute Wake had been down six times.

Steve Brennan, Liverpool, 160, outpointed Keith James, Needham Market, 161½, over six by 59½-58.

Rory Burke, Ipswich, 130, drew with J.J. Barrett, Liverpool, 131½, over six. Barrett was down in round two.

Gordon Haigh, Hull, 122, beat Terry Allen, Hartlepool, 120½, the referee intervening after 1:50 of the opening round after Allen had been down twice.
(01-25-82)

▲ **LONDON—Hornsey Town Hall—**Good to see this excellent venue brought into operation for professional boxing by new promoter Frank Warren, who was rewarded with a sell-out.

Martin Nee, Paddington, 214½, beat Mick Chmilowskyi, Edmonton, 198, the bout being stopped after 1:12 of the opening round after Mick had been floored.

Alan Powers, Paddington, 150, defeated Paul Atherton, Manchester, 145, the referee intervening after Paul had been down twice.

Debutant Steve Johnson, Liverpool, now living in London, 161, beat Irving Prince Wilmot, Cricklewood, 163½, the contest being halted in round four after Wilmot had been down.

Gary Hobbs, Acton, 168, outpointed Joe Jackson, Coventry, 171, over six by 59½-58. Hobbs overcame a cut by the left eye, and Jackson put up a good fight, in spite of the margin.

Cliff Curtis, Swindon, 160, outscored Mickey Harrison, Acton, 159, by 59-58 over six. The winner's right eye was injured in the final session.

Steve Johnson, Peckham, 162, gained a six-round points win over Curtis Marsh, Crouch End, 160, scoreline 59½-58. Many fans showed their disapproval of the verdict.
(01-26-82)

▲ **SUNDERLAND—Close Encounters Club—**Graeme Ahmed, South Shields, 154½, beat Carl Bailey, Manchester, 152, the referee intervening in round six after Bailey had been down twice.

Barry Ahmed, South Shields, 164½, outpointed Steve Goodwin, Liverpool, 167, over six by a narrow 59½-59.

Keith Foreman, Hartlepool, 124, beat Robert Hepburn, Norwich, 119, who retired with an injured nose at the end of round three. He had been down three times, and was also bleeding from the mouth.

Dave Rylance, South Shields, 154½, didn't lose a round in outscoring Dave Dunn, Rochdale, 155, by 60-57½ over six.

Kevin Howard, Sunderland, 133, drew with John Pollard, Manchester, 133, over six. An excellent crowd-pleaser that produced £11 in nobbins. Howard was decked in the opening round, but fought back well.

Debutant Tony Wilkinson, Sunderland, 138, beat Michael Betts, Norwich, 130, the bout being stopped in round two.
(01-24-82)

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BRITISH COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Trevor Berbick (Canada)
1. Neville Meade (England)
2. Gordon Ferris (No. Ireland)
3. Billy Aird (England)
4. Steve Aczel (Australia)
5. Gordon Racette (Canada)
6. Maile Haumona (Tonga)
7. Conroy Nelson (Canada)
8. Stewart Lithgo (England)
9. David Pearce (Wales)
10. Ken Lagusta (Canada)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Lotte Mwale (Zambia)
1. Mustapha Wasajja (Uganda)
2. Murray Sutherland (Canada)
3. Chisanda Mutti (Zambia)
4. Tony Mundine (Australia)
5. Roddy MacDonald (Canada)
6. Bunny Johnson (England)
7. John Odehiamba (Uganda)
8. Stan Bogovic (Australia)
9. Dennis Andries (England)
10. Tom Collins (England)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Tony Sibson (England)
1. Alan Minter (England)
2. Ralph Hollett (Canada)
3. Roy Gumbs (St. Kitts)
4. Fernand Marcotte (Canada)
5. Wally Carr (Australia)
6. Monty Betham (New Zealand)
7. Alex Sua (New Zealand)
8. Eddie Burke (Scotland)
9. Mark Truck (Canada)
10. Eddie Smith (England)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Herol Graham (England)
1. Maurice Hope (England)
2. Ayub Kalule (Uganda)
3. Wayne Caplette (Canada)
4. Kenny Bristol (Guyana)
5. Pat Thomas (St. Kitts)
6. Chris Christian (England)
7. Steve Dennis (Australia)
8. Elisha Obed (Bahamas)
9. Brian Anderson (England)
10. Steve Hopkin (England)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Colin Jones (Wales)
1. Kirkland Laing (England)
2. Sakarai Ve (Fiji)
3. Mark Harris (Guyana)
4. Josef Nsubuga (Uganda)
5. Lloyd Hibbert (England)
6. Mario Cusson (Canada)
7. Lachie Austin (Australia)
8. Reggie Ford (Guyana)
9. Dave Barago (Australia)
10. Billy Waith (Wales)

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Obisia Nwankpa (Nigeria)
1. Lennox Blackmoore (Guyana)
2. Clinton McKenzie (England)
3. Steve Early (England)
4. Des Morrison (England)
5. Jeff Malcolm (Australia)
6. Frank Ropis (Australia)
7. Sylvester Mittee (St. Lucia)
8. Mike Parsons (Trinidad)
9. Peter Berrigan (Australia)
10. Nick Furlano (Canada)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Barry Michael (Australia)
1. Claude Noel (Trinidad)
2. Langton Tinago (Zimbabwe)
3. Charlie Nash (No. Ireland)
4. Hogan Jimoh (Nigeria)
5. Ray Cattouse (England)
6. John Summerhays (Canada)
7. George Feeney (England)
8. Dave McCabe (Scotland)
9. Davidson Andeh (Nigeria)
10. Ricky Beaumont (England)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Azumah Nelson (Nigeria)
1. Pat Cowdell (England)
2. Patrick Ford (Guyana)
3. Charm Chiteule (Zambia)
4. Brian Roberts (Australia)
5. Steve Sims (Wales)
6. Jimmy Flint (England)
7. Jey Nardo (Zimbabwe)
8. Gary Williams (Australia)
9. Vernon Penprase (England)
10. Kabiru Akendele (Nigeria)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Paul Ferreri (Australia)
1. John Feeney (England)
2. Mike Irungu (Kenya)
3. Dave Smith (England)
4. Davy Larmour (No. Ireland)
5. Francis Musankabala (Zambia)
6. Stix Macloud (Zimbabwe)
7. Young Ali (Nigeria)
8. Glen Walsh (Australia)
9. Stuart Nicol (England)
10. Jimmy Bowen (Australia)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Stephen Muchoki (Kenya)
1. Charlie Magri (England)
2. Steve Bell (Australia)
3. Wayne Mulholland (Australia)
4. Kelvin Smart (Wales)
5. Raimy Joe (Nigeria)
6. Pedro Solo (Australia)
7. Dave George (Wales)
8. Gary Nickels (England)
9. Ray Amoo (Nigeria)
10. John Hipwell (Australia)

John Aba (Papua) is the junior lightweight champion. Contenders: Cornelius Boza-Edwards (England), Kazeem Armah (Nigeria), Tiger Man (Papua), Safiu Okebadan (Nigeria), Willi Tarika (Fiji).

ORIENT

JAPAN

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—**Yoshiyuki Uchikoshi, 111½, and taller Masaru Fuji, also 111½, drew, 10.

Up-and-coming Naoki Kobayashi, 122, outpointed former national junior featherweight champion Bunji Ando, also 122, 10.

Masami (Marciano) Sekiyama, 119, stopped Osamu Kazuo, also 119, at 2:00 of the third round in the first 10-rounder of the evening.

Yonemaro Osada, 114¾, halted Akihiko Watanabe, 114¼, at 1:34 of the third round in the scheduled four-round opener.

Saida Promotions. No telecast.
Attendance—1,000.
(01-02-82)

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—**Kazumasa Tamaki, 112, retained his Japanese flyweight title by demolishing Shinji Takagi, also 112, in 1:39 of round four in a scheduled 10.

Tamaki, a 5'5" southpaw, floored Takagi with a smashing left in the fatal session, and then dropped him again to end it. He's now 18-7-5 with five knockouts. Takagi, four years older than the champ at 31, is 7-5 with five kayoes. Ken Morita, referee.

Phoenix Taniguchi, 109, halted the rise of Takashi Nakayama, 110, by stopping him at 1:41 of the eighth round in the 10-round semi-final. Taniguchi is now 14-13-3 with five kayoes. Nakayama, who was favored, is 7-1 with six knockouts.

Yoshiaki Nojima, 107½, won a shutout unanmimous nod over Isao Kimura, 106¼, eight.

Four-rounders: Katsuhiko Hasegawa, 122, floored Shigeru Kuniyasu, 121¼, twice and stopped him at 2:18 of the first round. Toshio Oki, 109¾, halted Tsuyoshi Yamada, also 109¾, at 2:03 of the second. Kenichi Fukazawa, 125, disposed of Eiji Kakuta, 126, in 2:30 of the second in the opener.

Uchino Promotions. Nippon TV.
Attendance—2,000.
(01-09-82)

▲ **OSAKA—Prefectural Gymnasium—**Veteran Yohi Arai, 152½, won the Japanese junior middleweight title with a split decision over defending champion Michihiro Horihata, 153, 10. Scoring: referee Nobumitsu Inukai and judge Ryoji Kashiwagi, both 99-98, Arai; judge Teruo Fujita, 100-94, Horihata.

The taller Horihata, a southpaw threw more punches, but Arai's blows were more accurate. Arai is now 27-12-2 with 12 kayoes. Horihata, a year his senior at 29, is 20-14-3 with 14 knockouts.

Junya Kushikino, 146¾, won the national welterweight crown by knocking out defending champ Dynamite Matsuo, 146¼, in 0:48 of the ninth round in their scheduled 10. Kushikino, 27, is now 16-13 with 12 kayoes. Matsuo, 28, is 19-11-5 with 16 knockouts.

Lord Mitsuru, 110¾, kayoed Yasuhiro Kinoshita, 111¼, in 2:05 of the first round in a scheduled eight. Mitsuru is now 8-1 with four kayoes.

Four-rounders: Kiyoto Matsushima, 117½, and Hiroshi Takehashi, 115½, drew. Shinichi Sugita, 112, won a shutout nod over southpaw Hiroo Tsuchiya, 110, in the opener.

Zenji/Kazama Boxing Club. No telecast.
Attendance—5,000.
(01-18-82)

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—**Yushin (Modest) Napunyi, 126, won the Japanese Featherweight title with a unanimous decision over defending champion Spider Nemoto, also 126, 10.

Napunyi, a 23-year-old Kenyan now based in Tokyo, jabbed and countered the 5'1" champ all the way. The lanky Yushin, eight years the champ's junior, towered over Spider by about a head, and Nemoto's last ditch bombardments to the body were in vain.

Scoring: referee Yusaku Yoshida, 100-98; judges Shoji Nakamori and Ken Morita, 99-97 and 99-95, respectively. Napunyi is now 4-0 with two kayoes. Nemoto, who lost his title after 13 successful defenses, is 41-9-2 with 11 knockouts.

Hideyuki Shikano (Previously boxing under the name Kaishu Shain), 128, won a unanimous (99-94, 100-96, 100-95) decision over Kojiro Sasaki, also 128, 10.

Keiji Koizumi, 122, a southpaw, won a majority decision over Shizuo Iwamoto, also 122, six.

Four-rounders: Masakazu Tanioka, 136, eked out a hairline unanimous (all 39-38) decision over Takenori Kojima, 137¼. Michio Sasaki, 125¼, TKO'd Yoshiharu Takahashi, 126, who had his right shoulder dislocated, at 1:05 of the first round. Shinichi Enomoto, 123½, won a split duke over Tsutomu Oshima, 123, in the opener.

Yonekura Promotions. TV Asahi.
Attendance—1,600.
(01-26-82)

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—**Shuichi Isogami, 117¾, retained his national bantamweight title with a controversial but unanimous decision over Hurricane Teru, 118, 10.

Teru, who had relinquished the title to fight Lupe Pintor in a bid for the WBC bantamweight title, outjabbed Isogami in the early rounds, but the champ came back hard in the second half. Hurricane, the WBC's fourth ranked bantamweight, scored inside, and Shuichi was superior only in the number of punches that he threw.

Scoring: referee Masakazu Uchida, 99-98; judges Ken Morita and Shoichi Kanaya, both 98-96. JBC officials have been criticized for failing to give proper credit to stinging jabs.

Isogami, 26, is now 26-3-4 with 18 kayoes. Teru is 35-11-3 with 15 knockouts. Teru, 29, deserves a third bout with Isogami, whom he kayoed in the first round to retain what was then his crown in December, 1980. Hurricane had been inactive since his loss to Pintor four months earlier, and the lay-off seemed to hurt him.

Makoto Taguchi, 118, TKO'd Yasuo Azato, 117½, at 1:32 of

THAI RATINGS
BY THE THAI BOXING COMMISSION
(AS OF FEBRUARY 10, 1982)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Satanfa S. Pratip
1. Tongta Kiatvayupak
2. Sansakdi Muangsurin
3. Thaminthong Singsamang
4. Burirum Suenmisakavan
5. Mana Premchai
6. Kiatsayarm Jokker
7. Jong Sathiragym
8. Kunphol Sakornphitak

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Kongrug Vocharernrat
1. Petchsayarm Petcharern
2. Thom Singthanongsakdi
3. Kanakorn Thaphoothai

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Jenrub Muangsurin
1. Downthong Chuvatana
2. Suradej Klongphajorn
3. Somdej Sakdiphipus
4. Keovanoi Kiatsingnoi
5. Nanthabureng Leadbankye
6. Chokchai Kiatsingnoi
7. Chainarong Chuttinavy
8. Sakad Pornthavee
9. Rakthae Muangsurin
10. Rakchart Kiatvayuphak

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Phadedsuk Pisnurachun
2. Dorn Sornsakdisith
3. Usopnoi Lukakadyotin
4. Sansakdi Sithlukmuang
5. Kongkiat Sithmanun
6. Vechayun Senaphitak
7. Ngoohuoleg Lukakadyotin
8. Prichar Nabanmee
9. Sangsakdi Kittikasem
10. Monkorndum Muangsurin

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Nugprachan Kiatkumchai
1. Suban Muangsurin
2. Santhi Donjadee
3. Dedkad Kiatbunyong
4. Kolnyuth P. Punyuth
5. Sangthong Chanjeelar
6. Manus Lo-ngerng
7. Sungud Saksuree
8. Pharjan Sithsathaporn
9. Thumngerng Kiatbunthit
10. Nongthom Singthanongsak

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Dejvarin Hollywood
1. Sakda Saksuree
2. Morkasakdi Muangsurin
3. Thaveekoon Chorsuenanan
4. Arcadej Singjomthong
5. Dejumnuen Singthanongsakdi
6. Thournthanong Sorphajorn
7. Ekaluk Singnakornlong
8. Thanupetch Petch-u-bol
9. Duangprasert Sorsembutr
10. No Listing

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Kaosai Vangchamphoo
1. Sakdisamai Chorsitirat
2. Phichitsuk Kor-u-sayarm
3. Charnok U. Yuthanakarn
4. Venice Borkorsor
5. Kom Chartsurat
6. Mongkol Kiatjongrat
7. Surija Pratumvadee
8. Prasong Sithkempetch
9. Khangthongnoi Kiatsingnoi
10. Somdej Poonchai

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Phaktai Osodsapha
1. Brabtorni Luklumpakchee
2. Nasai Charlermchaigym
3. Muns Petchyindee
4. Pharyoa Thooltharat
5. Ali Baba Luklongtan
6. Sombutr Chuvatana
7. Suvan Silpaya
8. Thani Singchuevung
9. Petchngam P. Angthong
10. Dong Chuvatana

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Dan Pisalchai
1. Chutmongkol Thairungriang
2. Wonchai Sorpenpis
3. Leg Fairtax
4. Monsayarm H. Mahachai
5. Chandang Singchuevung
6. Thongberm Lukmaturee
7. Jimmy Sithphaidang
8. Glar Premchai
9. Den Chuvatana
10. No Listing

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Srithuncha Sithsanae
1. Jownaeranoi Jomkatha
2. Ratanachai Punvit
3. Luk-odd Phitiporn
4. Sakolnakorn Kiatmuangtrang
5. Komleg Sorthanikul
6. Phameechai Sithpornpan
7. Suriya Pratumvadee
8. Phutai Lukminburi
9. Borvonmongkol Singchuevung
10. Raknarong Jorsangthong

Thai boxers rated by world boxing organizations: Vichit Muangroi-et (#4 WBA junior featherweight), Pongpan Sorphayathai (#5 WBA junior featherweight; #8 WBC), Netrnoi Sor Vorasingh (#10 WBC flyweight).

round five in a scheduled eight. Taguchi, 20, is now 10-2-1 with six kayoes.

Kaneatsu Yamamoto, 135, halted Nobuyuki Chisaka, also 135, at 2:30 of the fifth round in their scheduled eight.

Four-rounders: Tadashi Shimabukuro, 107¼, made his pro debut by stopping Toshiyuki Sato, 108, at 2:20 of the third round. Shimabukuro, 18, is a newphew of former WBA junior lightweight champ Yasutsune Uehara, and looks very promising. He was 30-1 as an amateur. Kenji Ono, 107¾, won a unanimous decision over Kentoku Nakama, 107½. Nakama, a southpaw, is now 5-1-1. This was an upset. Hiroyasu Kato, 112, won a unanimous decision over southpaw Junichi Hashimoto, also 112. Taller Masahiro Tsunda, 130, won a majority decision over Mitsuru Hokkai, 128¾, in the opener.

Co-promted by Seiwa-Ishikawa and Shinto Promotions. Fuji TV.

Attendance—2,400.
(01-28-82)

JOE Y. KOIZUMI

KOREA

▲ **DAEJON—Chungmu Gymnasium**—Former WBC junior welterweight champion Sang-Hyun Kim, 139½, retained his OPBF crown with a split decision over Thomas Americo, 139¾, Indonesia, 12. Kim, a southpaw, is now 38-3-2 with 23 knockouts.

Kyong-Hwan Choi, the KBC's second ranked junior welter, outscored Mohammad Solikin, Indonesia, 10. Choi is now 10-4-2 with two kayoes.

Ki-Nam Kim and Kid Hassen, Indonesia, drew, 10, junior featherweights.

Ki-Young Chun, the KBC's top ranked junior feather, outscored Jae-Uk Kim, 10. Chun is now 17-3-1 with three kayoes.

Four-rounders: Rya-Ki An outpointed Kun-Shik Yuh. Kwang-Sam Kim outpointed Dai-Yong Hong. Kyu-Kun Park kayoed Sang-Chul Lee in 0:26 of the third round in the opener.

Ho-Yun Chun's Kukdong Promotions.
(12-20-81)

▲ **SEOUL—Changchung Gymnasium**—Former WBA flyweight champion Alfonso Lopez, 110¼, Panama, was knocked out by unbeaten Jung-Koo Chang, 111¼, in 2:34 of the third round in their scheduled 10. Lopez was knocked down twice in the second round. Choi is now 15-0 with six kayoes. Lopez is 37-9-1 with 20 knockouts.

Jong-Kwon An, 131¾, kayoed Sung-Yul Moon, 131½, in 2:59 of the first round in a scheduled eight. An is now 6-1-1 with two knockouts.

Four-rounders: Sang-Man Lee, 109¾, outscored Youn-Ju LIm, 108¼. Young-Kil Chung, 140½, outpointed Ki-Mak Sung, 140¼. Jung-Tai How, 129, outscored Boun-Jin Park, 127, in the opener.

Ho-Yun Chun's Kukdong Promotions.
(12-26-81)

▲ **SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—In-Chul Baek, 154, won the vacant OPBF junior middleweight title by stopping national champ Sang-Ho Lee, also 154, at 2:05 of the 12th and final round.

Baek is now 15-0—all kayoes. Lee is 11-6-3 with seven knockouts.

Former Korean lightweight champion Duek-Koo Kim, 137½, halted Katsuhiro Okubo, 137, Japan, at 1:55 of the third round in a scheduled 10. Kim is now 12-1-1 with six kayoes.

Mun-Jin Choi, 110, and Jong-Kwan Chung, also 110, drew, 10. Choi is now 12-1-2.

Sou-Hyang Lee, 138, outpointed Jang-Kwan Yuh, also 138, six.

Young-Bae Kim, 147½, stopped Jae-Sun Park, 146½, at 1:38 of the fourth session in their scheduled six.

Yong-Chai Kim, 109¾, and Hung-Sub Uum, 110¼, drew in ther four-round opener.

Hyun-Chi Kim 's Dong-A Promotions.
(12-27-81)

▲ **DAEJON—Chungmu Gymnasium**—Jorge Alvarado, 131, Panama, the WBC's top ranked junior lightweight, won a unanimous decision over Il-Bok Lee, 132, the WBC's number seven contender, 10. Lee was without his usual zip from the third on. No knockdowns.

Kyu-Un Lim, 138, stopped Song-Oh Kim, also 138, at 1:16 of round three in a scheduled eight.

Jae-Shik Lee, 114¾, and Hyong-Shik Lim, 115½, drew, six.

Four-rounders: Suk-Kun Song, 110¼, outpointed Won-Kuk Suh, 110. Sun-Yong Kim, 117½, and Sang-Muk Lee, 117¾, drew in the opener.

Ho-Yun Chun's Kukdong Promotions.
(12-27-81)

▲ **SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Chong-Pal Park, 157¾, retained his OPBF middleweight crown by knocking out southpaw Mana Premchai, 160, Thailand, in 0:51 of the fourth round in a scheduled 12. Park is now 23-2-1 with 22 kayoes.

Korean welterweight king Jun-Suk Hwang, 148¾, halted Dongsin Thanomsak, 150, Thailand, at 2:07 of the third round in a scheduled 10.

Six-rounders: Cha-Young Park, 116¾, the KBC's sixth ranked bantamweight, was held to a draw by Sam-Yong Kim, 118. Chi-Kun Song, 159¾, and Bum-Yong Lee, 159½, drew. Jae-Hun Kim, 119, halted Sung-Mun Chai, also 119, at 2:43 of the second. Ki-Hoo Shin, 113¼, stopped Byong-Ho Joo, 113½, at 2:57 of the second.

Soo-Duk Suh, 116, outscored Chul-Hee Jin, 116½, eight.

Byong-Hun Gu, 118¾, lost to Ho-Woo Chun, 119½, in the opener.

Hyun-Chi Kim's Dong-A Promotions.
(01-03-82)

▲ **PUSAN—Kudok Gymnasium**—Chung-Jae Hwang, 146¾, retained his OPBF welter title by knocking out the mismatched Ikuya Toshinai, 147, in 1:47 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. Hwang is now 21-0 with 18 kayoes.

OPBF junior bantamweight champion Soon-Chun Kwon, 115¼, stopped Diego de Villa, 115, Philippines, at 1:19 of round seven in a scheduled 10-frame non-title bout. Kwon is now 12-2-1 with seven kayoes.

Yong-Ho Yun, 118, outscored Dong-Chun Lee, 121½, six.

Chang-Shik Park, 128¼, outpointed Jong-Yul Songh, 127¾, six.

Four-rounders: Yun-Ho Park, 110, outpointed Jong-Mok Lee, also 110. Yun-Kap Chai, 118¾, outscored Do-Hyan Kyun, 119, in the opener.

Hanjin Promotions.
(01-03-82)

▲ **SEOUL—Changchung Gymnasium**—Sa-Wan Kim, 132¼, demolished Tomio Nakamura, 130½, Japan, in 2:03 of round two in a scheduled 10. Kim, who lost to Eusebio Pedroza in a bid for the WBA crown, is now 17-2 with 14 kayoes.

Yong-Shik Kim, 125½, won the Korean featherweight crown with an upset verdict over Hyun An, 128½, 10. Kim (not to be confused with OPBF junior bantamweight king Young-Shik Kim) is now 13-1 with five kayoes. An is 12-3 with three knockouts.

Chong-Ho Kim, 147¾, halted Yong-Dok Chang, 148¼, at 2:47 of the third round in their scheduled 10.

Chong-Ho Kim, 147¾, stopped Yong-Dok Chang, 148¼, at 2:47 of the third round in the first 10-rounder of the evening.

Dong-Young Kim, 121¼, and Hyong-Shik Lim, also 121¼, drew, six.

An-Soo Chang, 116¾, lost a decision to Chong-Uw Park, 112½, in the four-round opener.

Ilhwa Promotions.
(01-09-82)

▲ **SEOUL—Changchung Promotions**—Hong-Kyu Lim, 136, stopped Thai lightweight champion Jenrub Muangsurin, 136¼, at 2:25 of the third round in a scheduled 10. Lim, a bright prospect, is now 14-1 with nine kayoes.

Chul Kwon, 122½, ran his record to 11-0 (seven kayoes) by halting Morkasakdi Muangsurin, 121¾, Thailand, at 0:38 of the second round in a scheduled eight. Kwon is the KBC's fourth ranked 118-pounder.

Hi-Soo Chung, 141½, outpointed Chul-Ho Yun, 140½, eight.

Suk-Kyu Park, 135½, and Min-Soo Lee, 134½, drew, eight.

Young-Sam Cho, 119, outscored Yang-Il Shin, 117 in the four-round opener.

Ho-Yun Chun's Kukdong Promotion.
(01-16-82)

▲ **SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—OPBF featherweight champion Hwan-Kil Yuh, 127¾, won by a disqualification over Santhi Donjadee, 126, the Thai boxing Commission's top ranked feather, at 1:11 of the fifth round in their scheduled non-title 10-round contest. Yuh looked sharp, and dropped the Thai veteran twice with left hooks in the fourth. Donjadee tried to fight back with his elbows, and the KBC referee warned him several times. The Thai then started butting, and was ruled out of the bout. Donjadee had better return to kick boxing.

Hard punching Jong-Soo Lee, 120¼, knocked out a Thai fighter billed as "Kaosai Galassy," 119, in 2:24 of round three in a scheduled 10. The Thai fighter was, in reality, Monsayarm H. Mahachai, the TBC's third ranked flyweight. Monsayarm and the Thai matchmaker who booked him should be suspended by the OPBF.

Kyu-Kun Park, 116¼, outpointed Sung-Kyu Cho, 116, six.

Four-rounders: Kyung-Soo Kuh, 125¼, lost a decision to Mun-Hak Baek, 125. Kyu-Shik Chun, 152½, outpointed Byong-Chul Chai, 153¼. Chun-Sung Yuh, 116½, outscored Tai-Yoo Kim, 116¾. Kie-Shik Yang, 110¾, outpointed Hun Ro, 111¼. Jang-Soo Kim, 117¼, and Shi-Ho Yuh, 117, drew. Kyu-Chan Cho, 114¾, outscored Kum-Sub Han, 113½, in the opener.

Wa-Ryong Yuh's Waryong Promotions.
(01-17-82)

▲ **DAEJON—Chungmu Gymnasium**—Rising lightweight Hwa-Ro Hwang, 141, a bit heavier than usual, won a unanimous decision over Lito Pena, 139¼, 10. Hwang is now 8-1-2 with two knockouts.

Byong-In Chang, 154, won the vacant Korean junior middleweight crown by stopping Hyung-Dok Chai, also 154, at 2:14 of the 10th and final round. The title had been relinquished by Kyung-Min Ra.

Soo-Kon Chang, 112, outpointed In-Kun Hwan, 111½, six.

Kun-Soo Park, 143¼, halted Hyung-Sun Chun, 142, at 2:33 of the first round in their scheduled six.

Four-rounders: Kwang-Chul An, 110¼, outpointed Sung-Sun Park, 110. Uw-Chul Park, 117, and Jun-In Kang, 116¾, drew in the opener.

Ilhwa Promotions.
(01-17-82)

▲ **SEOUL—Changchung Gymnasium**—Sang-Ho Lee, 140, stretched his log to 20-0 (16 kayoes) by decking Takashi Sugimoto, 140¾, Japan, thrice in round three for an automatic kayo at 2:31 of the session. It was scheduled for 10.

Ho-Chul Pyon, 107½, won the vacant Korean junior flyweight crown by winning a unanimous decision over Mun-Suk Choi, 108, 10. Pyon is now 12-4-1 with four knockouts.

Min-Uong Kim, 111, and Mal-Oh Ji, also 111, battled to a

technical draw at 2:34 of round seven in their scheduled eight.

You-Ouk Joo, 115, outscored Chan-Soo Chung, 115½, eight.

Four-rounders: Chon-Soo Kang, 116½, outpointed Jong-Man Chung, 115. Hyung-Kon Yuh, 111¼, outscored Ok-Yong Chung, 112. Soo-Nam Kim, 111, lost a decision to Young-Ha Bae, 110¼. Ki-Chung Lee, 128¼, outpointed Han-Tak Lim, 127¾, in the opener.

Kyu-Chul Kim's Wonjin Promotions.
(01-23-82)

▲ **SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—OPBF junior flyweight champion Sung-Nam Kim, 110, knocked out Toshihiro Okumoto, also 110, Japan, with a wicked right to the button in 2:10 of the third session in their scheduled non-title 10. Kim, the WBA's second ranked contender, is now 18-3 with 10 kayoes.

Hyong-Shik An, 124¼, lost a decision to Ji-Won Kim, 122, eight.

Sang-Youl An, 122¼, outscored Jung-Tae How, 125¾, eight.

Jae-Hyong Yuh, 156½, (brother of former world junior middle champion Jae-Do Yuh), knocked out Suk Shu, 155½, in 3:05 of round six in their scheduled eight.

Ki-Tae Kim, 124¾, TKO'd Jin-Hyon Kim, 124½, at 0:37 of the third round in a scheduled six.

Young-Kil Kim, 111¼, and Hwong-sup Aom, 110, drew, six.

Bong-Jo Yang, 148, outpointed Hai-Kuk Chung, 148¾, in the opener.

Chungchong Promotions.
(01-24-82)

▲ **DAEJON—Chungmu Gymnasium**—Sang-Hyun Baek, 142¼, knocked out Thai newcomer Keovanoi Kiatsingnoi, 139¾, in 0:52 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10.

He-Sup Shin, 111, halted Suriya Pratumvadee, 110, Thailand, with short punches at 2:32 of the fifth round in their scheduled 10.

Yong-Sup Suh, 149¼, outscored Mu-Suk Hwang, 148¾, six.

Four-rounders: Du-Bok Cha, 121, and Houn-Yong Park, 120¼, drew. Kyong-Hyon Ha, 110¾, halted Chung-Uw Lee, 110, at 0:52 of the first round. Bong-Chun Park, 124¾, outscored Ho-Kang Kim, 126¾, in the opener.

Ho-Yun Chun's Kukdong Promotions.
(01-24-82)

JOE Y. KOIZUMI AND YOO-CHANG KIM

PHILIPPINES

▲ **QUEZON CITY**—Geron Porras, 130, won a unanimous decision over Sandy Torres, 131, 10.

Former national champ Max (Boy) Toyogon, 135, TKO'd Joval de Rama, 131, in the fourth round of their scheduled 10.

Grego Garcia, promoter.
(12-05-81)

▲ **ANGELS CITY**—Morris Pastor, 118, TKO'd Ver Basa, also 118, in the sixth frame of a scheduled 10-rounder.

Efren Nazal, promoter.
(12-09-81)

▲ **COTABATO**—Efren Guinieta, 122, won a unanimous decision over Boy Morales, 124, 10.

Carmenlino Buenaflor, promoter.
(12-13-81)

▲ **PARANAQUE—Elorde Sports Complex**—Ernesto Grafe, 132, won a unanimous verdict over lefty Dorn Sornsakdisith, 130, Thailand, 10. This was Sornasakdisith's first loss in the Philippines.

Andy Balaba, 112½, won a unanimous nod over Pablo Pepito, 113, 10.

Flash Elorde's Galorde Enterprises.
(12-19-81)

▲ **DAVAO CITY**—Up-and-coming Juanito Ablaca, 109, won a unanimous decision over Rudy Magdasal, 110, 10.

Rene Anasco, 122½, eked out a majority nod over Roger Ancajas, 122, 10.

Jemuel Maquinsay, 109, won a unanimous decision over Fernando Carupo, 108¼, 10.

Oscar Dasalla, promoter.
(12-19-81)

▲ **BAGUIO CITY**—Flash Romeo, 141, won a unanimous decision over veteran Joe Lim, also 141, 10.

Rod Sequenan, 129½, TKO'd Manuel Paquitol, 137, in the ninth round of their scheduled 10.

Jimmy Boy, 119, knocked out Ernesto Mata, 115, in the eighth frame of the first 10-rounder of the evening.

Paciencia Hitosis, promoter.
(12-19-81)

▲ **SURIGAO DEL SUR**—Rene Aroy, 124, TKO'd Noldo Lancian, 122, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10.

Ricardo Mendez, promoter.
(12-20-81)

▲ **CEBU CITY**—Filipino flyweight champion Frank Cedeno, 114½, won a unanimous decision over Ver Libradilla, 114¼, 10. Cedeno's impressive victory in this non-title bout earned him the Filipino Games and Amusements Board's "Fighter of the Month" designation.

Ruben Rabago, 139, copped a unanimous duke over Gar Atayde, 135½, 10.

Leo Kaki, 118½, won a unanimous decision over Fel Maltang, also 118½, in the evening's first 10-rounder.

Rex Salud, promoter.
(12-20-81)

▲ **CAGAYAN DE ORO**—Jun Garcia, 114, outscored Little Baguio, 113, 10.

Florentino Uba, promoter.
(12-29-81)

▲ **ZAMBOANAGA CITY**—Roger Salasa, 132, won a unanimous decision over Bell Torino, also 132, 10.

Deinedes Tobatabo, promoter.
(12-30-81)

▲ **ANGELS CITY**—Former OPBF junior lightweight champion Rey Tam, 136, won a unanimous decision over Max (Boy) Toyogon, also 136, 10.

Eddie Miral, 126, won a unanimous duke over Andy Saxon, also 126, 10.

Efren Nazal, promoter.
(12-30-81)

▲ **MARIKINA**—National featherweight champ Lulu Villaverde, 129½, TKO'd Deo Rabago, 129, in the ninth round of their scheduled non-title 10.

Grego Garcia, promoter.
(12-30-81)

▲ **DAVAO CITY**—Filipino junior lightweight champion Nene Jun, 135, was held to a majority draw by Nilo Acido, 136, in a hard fought 10-round non-title affair.

Nick Caputol, 134, TKO'd Leander Bordamante, 133, in the sixth round of their scheduled 10.

Agustin Garcia, promoter.
(12-30-81)

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THAILAND

▲ **BANGKOK—TV Channel 7 Ring**—Up-and-coming Muns Petchyindee, 119, demolished former OPBF junior flyweight champion Monsayarm H. Mahachai, 118, in the fifth round.

Muns, a former Thai-style kick boxer, is now 5-0 (four knockouts) in international style competition.
(12-20-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—TV Channel 7 Ring**—Former kick boxer Phadedsuk Pisnurschun, 132, won a unanimous decision over fat Little Balsigan, 134, 10.
(12-27-81)

▲ **KONKAAN PROVINCE—Konkaan Stadium**—In what was probably the Upset of the Month, an unknown Japanese kick boxer named Sakiyama, 145, climbed off the canvas in the first round and dropped Rakthae Muangsurin, 138, twice with solid right uppercuts. The second knockdown saw Muangsurin go to dreamland, and he was counted out at 2:47.

This was Sakayama's debut in international style boxing, and he was not very well known as a kick boxer in either Thailand or Japan. This first round kayo of Muangsurin, then, appeared as quite a shock.
(12-28-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Somdej Poonchai, 118, knocked out Somboon Chuvatana, also 118, the TBC's eighth ranked banty, in the fourth round of a scheduled six. This was Poonchai's first pro bout—and quite an upset.
(12-31-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Veteran Thaveekoon Chorsuenanan, 124, won a unanimous decision over Prasong Sithkempetch, 122, six. Sithkempetch was the TBC's seventh ranked bantamweight.
(01-06-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Laemthong Vorasingh, 122, Netrnoi's younger brother, won a unanimous verdict over Singhsak Sakdithavil, also 122, six.
(01-09-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Former WBC junior fly champ Netrnoi Sor Vorasingh, 116, returned to action for the first time since his TKO loss to Hilario Zapata in November. His opponent was Muns Petchyindee, also 116, the TBC's second ranked junior bantamweight, and Muns' left jabs had the ex-champ bleeding from the mouth and a cut over the left eyebrow by the end of the third round. Vorasingh, however, fought back hard and dropped Petchyindee three times before the bout was halted in round five. Netrnoi's attack to Petchyindee's body did the trick.

TBC ref Vichien stopped the contest and declared the aggressive southpaw former champ the winner.

Somphop Srisomvong, promoter.
(01-11-82)

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PAN PACIFIC

AUSTRALIA

NEW SOUTH WALES

▲ **FAIRY MEADOW—Fraternity Bowling & Recreation Club**—Australian junior middleweight champion Alex Temelkov, 160, used a body attack to deck South Australian State champ Lauie Mack, 167, twice in the second round of their of their scheduled 10. This reporter, who served as referee, declared a halt at 1:34 of that session.

Patrick Young, 131, outpointed Willie Leslie, 135, in a very good eight-rounder that drew a large shower from ringsiders.

Willie Fields, 131, halted Bernie Ellis, also 131, in the first round of a scheduled four.

Leo Moore, 196, and Alf Bradley, 198, drew, three.
(01-14-82)

▲ **CARDIFF—Workers Club**—It has been more than 12 years since this reporter saw a verdict worse than the one that made Peter Berrigan the winner over Jeff Malcolm, and he hopes he never sees one as bad in the future.

Berrigan was defending his Australian junior welter crown against Malcolm, and Jeff gave him a master-pupil drubbing.

When, at the end of this 12-rounder, the announcer said "There is a split decision," the crowd erupted into shouts of disbelief. Berrigan is the local boy, but he did not win this fight. How could any judge award him the decision?

There was worse to come. *Two* judges awarded him the verdict. When the announcer said, "Winner and still champion," the crowd surged forward in an ugly mood. Glasses were thrown. A couple of fans jumped into the ring, grabbed handfuls of money that had been thrown in before the verdict was announced, and threw the coins and notes back into the crowd.

Referee Joe Keegan awarded the fight to Malcolm, 118-113, and appeared generous to Berrigan. Judges Graham Dennis and Binky Rominski carded for Berrigan, 116-115 and 119-118, respectively. Rominsky's card, in fact, showed 129-128, an impossible score. An examination showed he'd made a "2" where he should have placed a "1"—on each side of the card. (Rominski scored nine of the 12 sessions even.)

This reporter, sitting at ringside, unofficially came up with a 119-108 score in favor of Malcolm. (Berrigan won the fourth round and held Malcolm even in the 11th.) On the opposite side of the ring, another licensed judge, John McDougall, also unofficially scored 119-108, Malcolm, giving round four to Peter and calling the 11th even.

Berrigan, the local boy, had been cheered into the ring. The crowd supported him all the way, but when the decision was announced they hooted him out of the ring. It was not Berrigan's fault. He fought to the best of his ability, but was outgunned.

The Australian Boxing Federation has ordered a rematch.

The president of the club walked among the fans and apologized for ther verdict, "It was not the club's fault," he said.

This card was held on January 26, Australia's national day. A sad reflection, that a decision like that should come on such a day.

Andy Mann, 147¼, outscored Terry Clayton, 150¼, eight.

Al Hallet, 154, outpointed Manny Trickilis, 150½, six.

Willie White, 115¼, halted Lou Valesini, 122, in the third frame of a scheduled four.

Les Luxford, 135½, and Mark Apollo Smith, 139½, drew, three.
(01-26-82)

▲ **KINGSFORD—South Sydney Junior Leagues Club**—Kevin Hogan, 151, and Rodney Roberts, also 151, drew in as close an eight-rounder as one could see. It drew a shower from ringsiders.

Steve Brown, 173, outpointed Jim Carew, 169, six.

David Hogan, 157, outscored Brett Beakin, 151, four.

John Wotherspoon, 177, halted Roger Hendy, 166, in the second round of their scheduled four.
(02-02-82)

▲ **GOSFORD—Central Coast Leagues Club**—Gary Rosen, 139, outscored Bobby Cotterill, 144, by a big margin, 10.

Clint Brown, 163, outscored Steve Brown, 169, six.

Ricky Patterson, 164, outpointed Jim Carew, 166, six.

Brett Beakin, 153, outscored Mick Clarke, 151, four.
(01-27-82)

▲ **BROOKVALE--Manley-Warringah Leagues Club**—Jim Carew, 167½, and Steve Brown, 169¾, drew, eight.

Ross Eadie, 150, and Benny Holt, 152¼, drew, six.

Sparrow Freeman, 125½, and Rappy Score, 127¾, drew, four.
(02-03-82)

VICTORIA

▲ **FRANKSTON—Technical College Basketball Stadium**—Australian multiple champion Paul Ferreri, 122¼, won an easy unanimous decision over Sakda Saksuree, 122¾, the leading contender for the Thai junior feather title, 10.

Scoring: referee Gus Mercurio, 100-86; judge Malcolm Bulner, 100-87; judge Cliff Heaver, 99-86.

Ferreri is scheduled to defend his Commonwealth bantamweight title against British champion John Feeney at the Sydney Opera House.
(02-05-82)

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James Tillis halted Jerry Williams, 3
Neville Meade kayoed Rick Keller, 6
Neil Malpass stopped Theo Joseph, 8
Gordon Ferris halted Stuart Lithgoe, 2
Ed Wilson pounded Don Farmer, 2
Pat Cuillo outscored Terry Mims, 10
Alfonso Ratliff beat Elijah Tillery, 10
Michael Greer decisioned Demetrius Edwards, 10
Anthony Davis stopped Jeff Podgurski, 9
Stan Butler halted Tim Lampkin, 4
Frank Bruno iced Lupe Guerra, 1
Fernando Montes halted Yaqui Meneses, 7

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Dwight Braxton knocked out Jerry Martin, 6
(Retained World Title)
Tom Collins outpointed Dennis Andries, 15
(British Title)
Antonio Harris beat Roy Skeldon, 10
Jim Johnson kayoed John Greene, 4
Phil Capobianco iced Billy Saunders, 1
David Sears knocked out Don Wilson, 1
Marc Fichtner stopped John Flavin, 5
Dale Grant and Young Joe Louis were declared a technical draw, 2
Mama Mohammed stopped Danny Lawford, 8
Calvin Jackson halted Vanader Luckett, 2
Devon Bailey kayoed Cordwell Hylton, 2
Eddie Gonzales beat Marcus Dorsey, 8

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Marvin Hagler kayoed William "Caveman" Lee, 1
(Retained World Title)
James Green outpointed Wilford Scypion, 10
Teddy Mann beat Robbie Epps, 10
Mustafa Hamsho edged Curtis Parker, 10
Tony Sibson decisioned Dwight Davison, 12
Mike Baker iced Jerry Hill, 1
Roger Leonard beat Herb Wilens, 8
Dwight Walker stopped Guy Kennedy, 3
Lindell Holmes beat Buster Drayton, 10
Andre Cooper knocked out Ron Earp, 1
Wilbert "Vampire" Johnson outscored Dan Snyder, 8
Carl Jones kayoed Don Brazey, 4
Brian Anderson beat Doug James, 8
Jimmy Ellis kayoed Chris Coady, 3
Bruce Strauss beat Larry Peterson, 10
Mark Kaylor stopped Dario D'Asa
Mick Mills kayoed Frank McCord, 2
Billy Lauer outpointed Neil Fannan, 8
Mark Kaylor kayoed Alfonson Redondo, 5
Billy Lauder beat Winston Burnett, 8
Davey Armstrong stopped Earl Edwards, 6
Jean-Marie Emebe kayoed Bruce Strauss, 3

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Gary Guiden knocked out Sandy Torres,
Clint Jackson stopped Cliff Wills, 4
Humberto de los Rios beat Agapito Ramirez, 10
Kevin Moley stopped Harry Reyes, 7
Rocky Mattioli kayoed Teo Dominguez, 3
Curtis Ramsey beat Graylin Curry, 10
Joey Frost beat Horace McKenzie, 8
Horace McKenzie kayoed Jimmy Cable, 2
Nick Wilshire stopped Dominic Delorme, 3
Sid Smith knocked out Carl Bailey, 4

WELTERWEIGHTS
Donald Curry stopped Michael Senegal, 10
Kevin Howard beat Bobby Joe Young, 10
Horace Shufford outscored Danny Favella, 10
Colin Power halted Mike Clemow, 6
Johnny Cooper beat Mike Picciotti, 8
Dave Allen outscored Tommy Davitt, 8
Joey Mack decisioned Gary Pearce, 8
Lupe Aquino outpointed Joe Moliere, 8
Mauricio Bravo beat Cristobal Torres, 10
Chung-Jae Hwang kayoed Ikuya Toshinai, 4
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1-Tyrone Biggs, Philadelphia
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Nick DeLong, San Jose, Calif.

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Harry Arroyo halted Bruce Williams, 5
Scott Farmer outpointed Rick Husky, 8
Jose Rentas iced Manuel de la Rosa, 1
Donald Curry stopped Danny Favella, 8
Chris Sanigar halted Adey Allen,
Kevin Durkin kayoed Billy Ahearne, 5
Irleis Perez halted Charlie Evans, 6
Herol Graham kayoed Chris Christian, 9
Charles Bryant knocked out Perry McLemore, 2
Alan Lamb halted Dave Goodwin, 4
Vernon Vanreil and Walter Clayton drew, 8
Sang-Hyun Kim outpointed Thomas Americo, 12
Ubaldo Sacco halted Ramon Abeldano, 10
Antonio Vicente kayoed Oscar Alvarenga, 4
Adolfo Arce Rossi beat Marcelo Romero, 10

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Charlie Nash kayoed George Metcalf, 2
Anthony Murray beat Tom Crowley, 8
Sammy Flores stopped Ernesto Herrera, 6
Mickey Duddy decisioned Ray Ross, 8
Ruben Munoz halted Curtis Harris, 4
Frank Roberson kayoed Bubba Stotts, 1
Jimmy Jackson stopped Phil Watford, 6
Robbie Robinson beat Lloyd Christie, 8
John Montes stopped Leo Cruz, 2
Colin Harrison halted Kevin Howard, 7
Gonzallo Montellano kayoed Gary Brown, 2

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Edwin Rosario stopped Dennis Quimayousie, 1
Mike Brown beat Edwin Oquendo, 8
Ramon Estrada iced Jose Sanchez, 1
Louie Burke kayoed Aurelio Martinez, 4
Jose Caba stopped Roland Avila, 3
Ramon Estrada halted Gabriel Prieto, 2
Cornelius-Boza Edwards stopped Carlos Hernandez, 4
(Won EBU Title)
Jorge Alvarado beat Il-Bok Lee, 10
Roosevelt Rico stopped Andrew Rodriguez, 5

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Jerome Coffee beat Fred Pendleton, 8
Rocky Lockridge kayoed Jose Resendez, 5
Alberto Mercado knocked out Sylvester Price, 3
Carlos Barbosa halted Donny Porter, 3
Paul Huggins beat Richie Foster, 8
Barry McGuigan kayoed Angel Oliver, 3
Brian Hyslop drew with Steve Pollard, 8
Alex Irvine beat Jarvis Greenidge, 10
Richard Savage beat Pascual Aranda, 6

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Wilfredo Gomez stopped Juan (Kid) Meza, 6
(Retained World Title)
Peter Jones beat Stuart Shaw, 8
Felipe Orozco kayoed Manuel Santos, 2
Bernardo Checa knocked out Ben Moradel, 1
Angel Mayor beat Luis Burgos, 10

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Jeff Chandler stopped Johnny Carter, 6
(Retained World Title)
Pat Docherty beat Peter Jones, 8
Adrian Arreola outscored John Feeney, 10
Shuichi Isogami beat Hurricane Teru, 12
Rolier Caviria stopped Eloy Alca, 3
Ricardo Bennett kayoed halted Ramon Santana, 5
Santiago Caballero stopped Tito Roque, 7
Jesus Flores outpointed Javier Brown, 10

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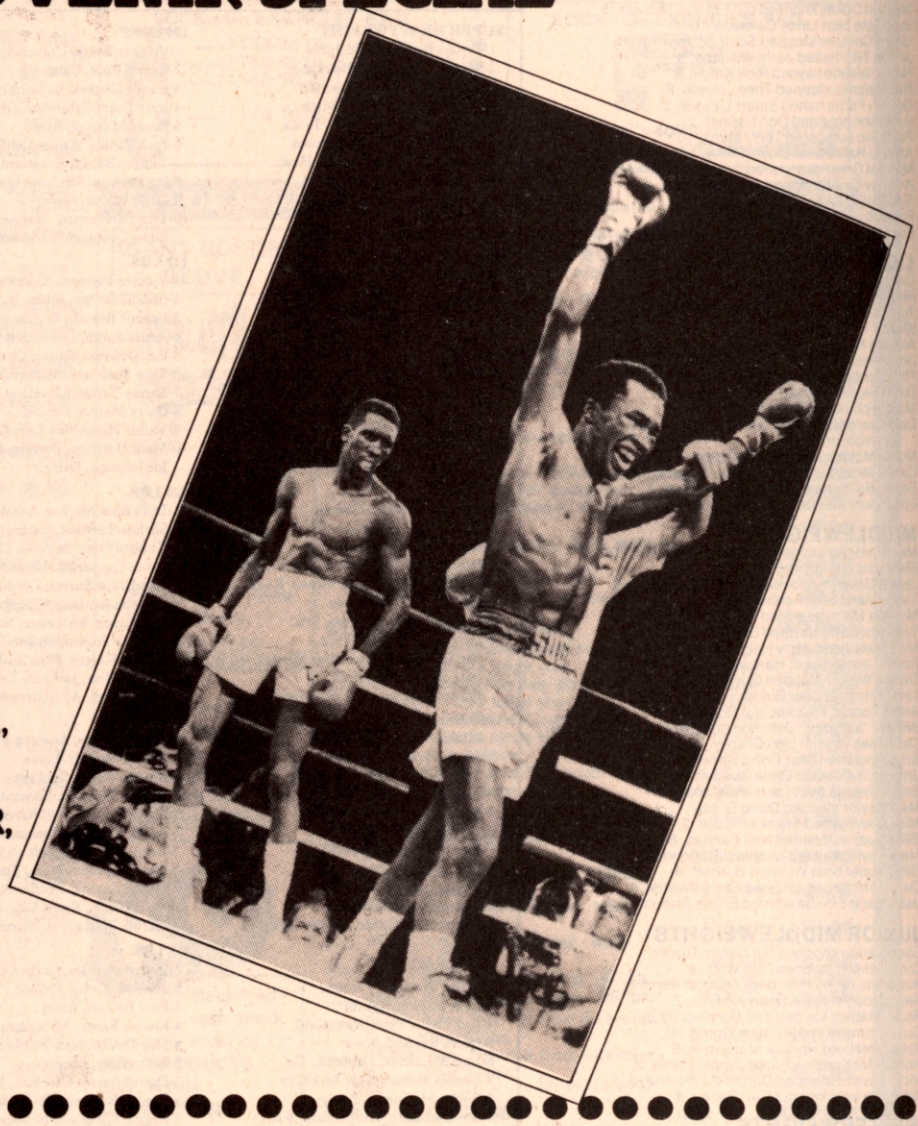

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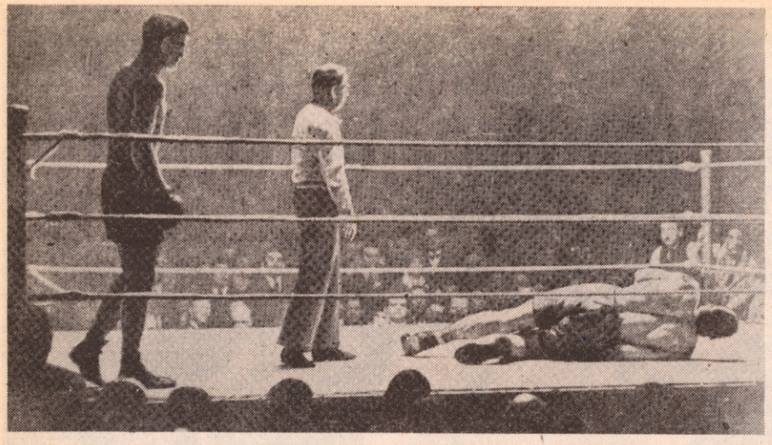
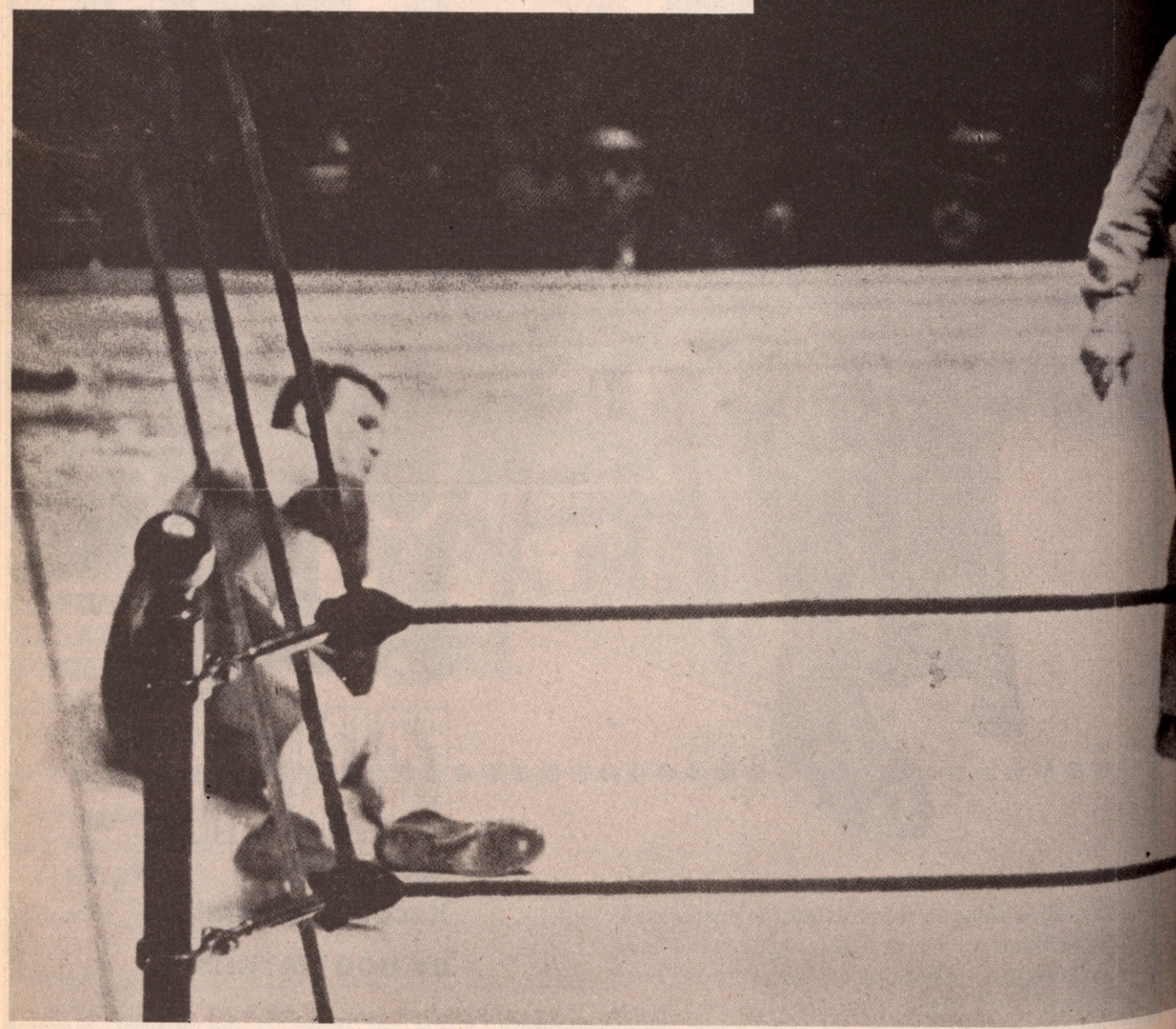


(LEFT) CARNERA WRITHES ON THE CANVAS, A FOUL VICTIM AGAINST YOUND STRIBLING IN LONDON (BELOW) CARNERA KAYOES ERNIE SCHAAF IN THE FATAL 13th ROUND. (BELOW RIGHT) PRIMO OUTPOINTS KING LEVINSKY IN CHICAGO.



It was afternoon at Toots Shor's on Manhattan's East Side and Jack Sharkey, who was in town for the boat show was at the bar.

Between beers, the inevitable question had to be asked: "What about the Carnera fight?"

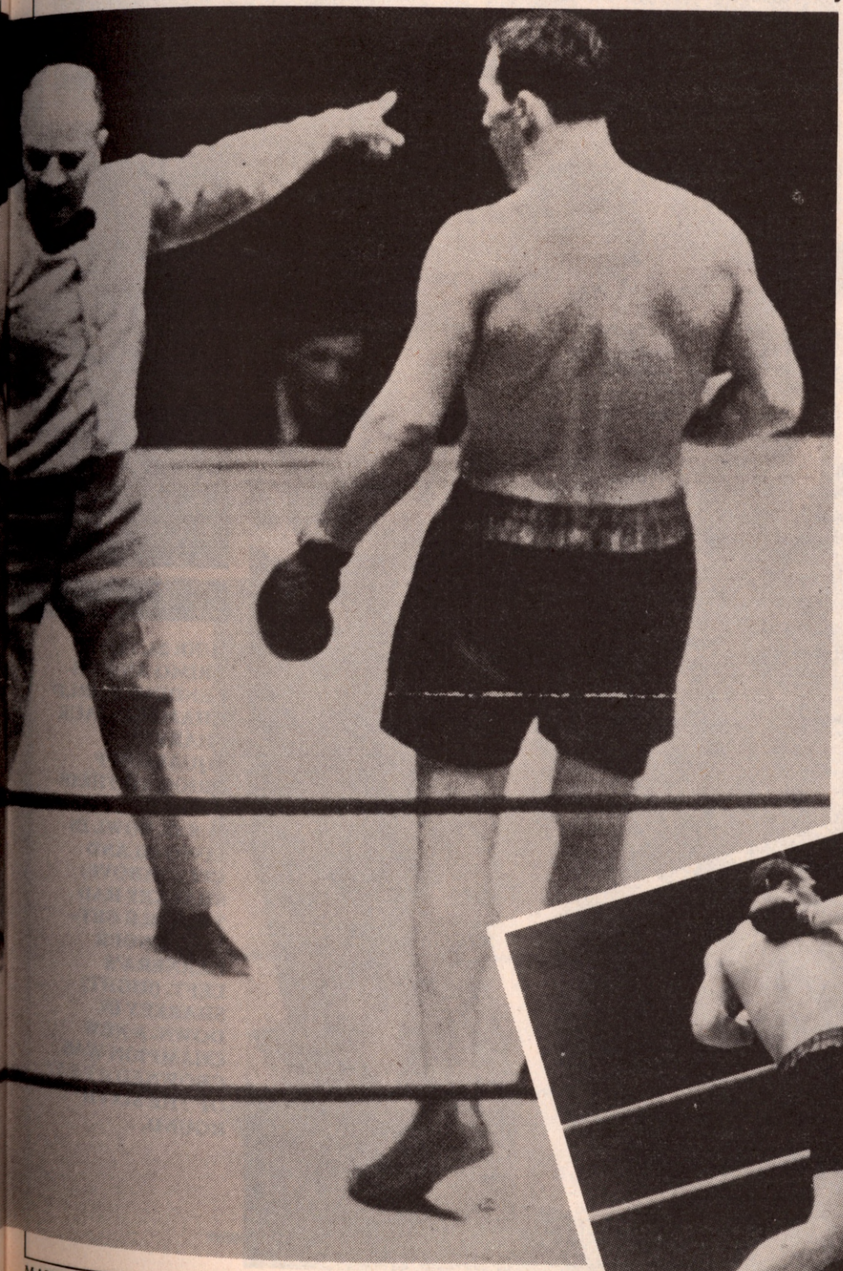
I remember distinctly Sharkey slamming down his drink. I recall it because he frightened me. Jack was 20 years my senior but I didn't relish any thoughts of mixing it with him even if he was sixty years old.

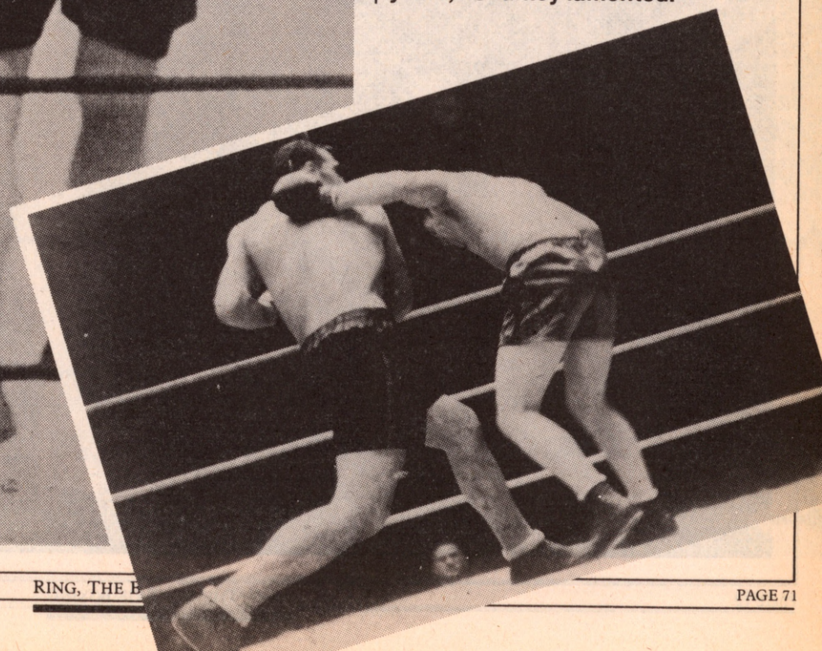
In a moment the anger in Sharkey's face changed to an expression people wear at wakes. He looked as if he might be close to tears.

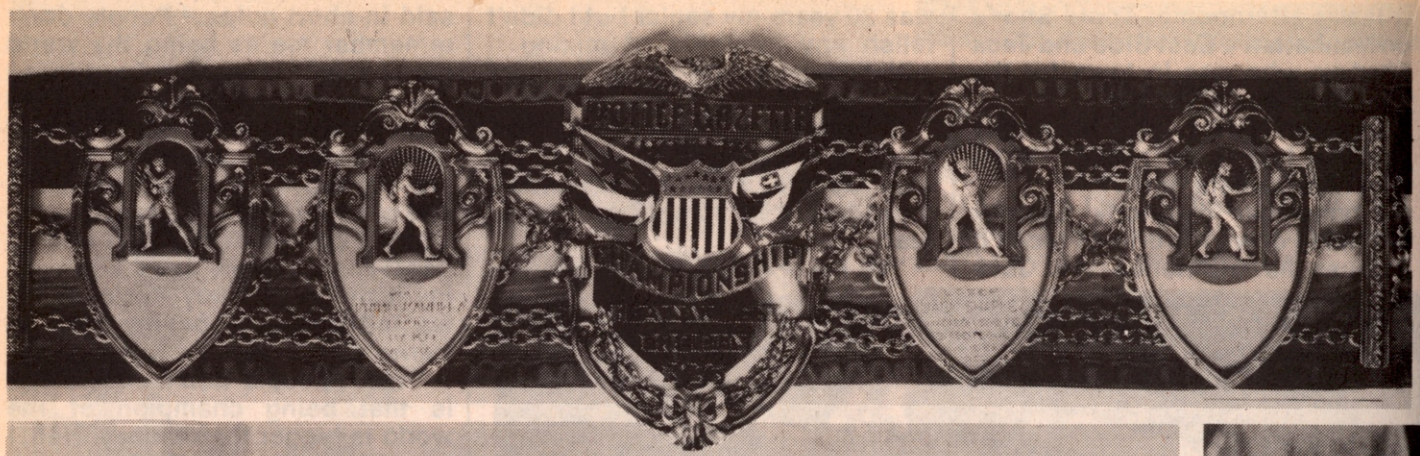
"I'll never live it down," Sharkey said in short gulps. "People don't remember me as being the world heavyweight champion for a lousy year; they think of me as being the champion who took a dive. I didn't! I swear on my grave I didn't . The big bastard hit me and that's the end of the story. But I couldn't convince a couple of hundred million people. I couldn't even convince my manager (Johnny Buckley). He wanted to know if I bet my purse on Carnera.

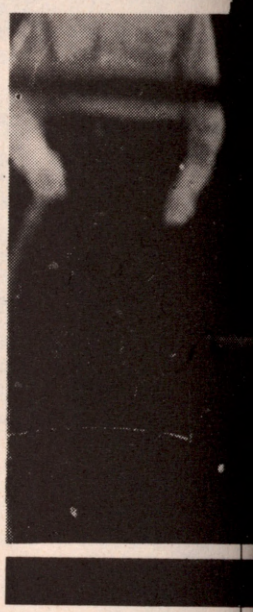
"What people don't understand is that being champion of the world is bigger than money. Hell, I wasn't hurting. I had enough money. And my ego was one helluva lot bigger than any pot of money you can imagine," Sharkey said.

"I had beaten this guy once before (Oct. 12, 1931) without too much trouble. That time I had been content to make him look foolish. I outboxed him and I had him sprawling all over the ring. I nailed him a few good shots but he could take a punch. But I didn't need to take him out. I just wanted to look good. Hell, I looked perfect. The guy was awkward and I made him look like a clown. And that's what made everyone think I went in the tank the second time. The second time he didn't look like a clown. What happened was that I hadn't given him credit for having progressed—for having learned anything in two years," Sharkey lamented.

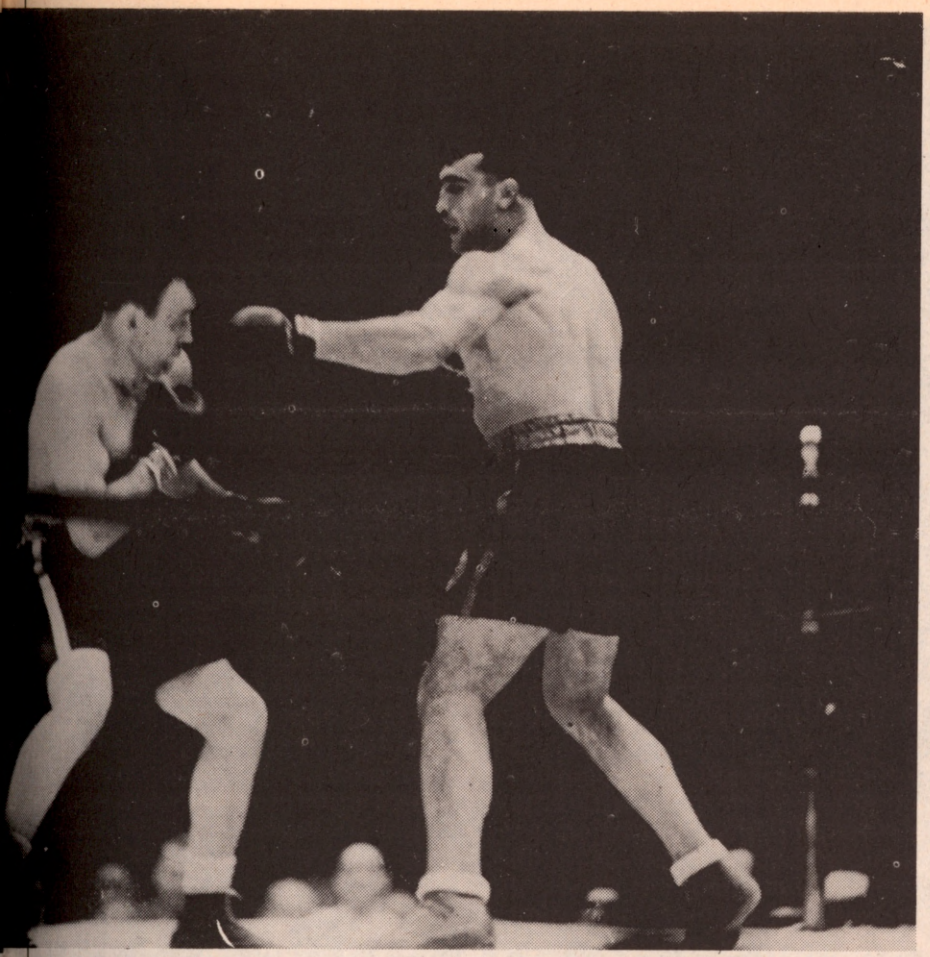








JUNE 28, 1933 PRIMO AND DEFENDING WORLD CHAMPION JACK SHARKEY SQUARE OFF PRIOR TO THEIR TITLE BOUT IN M.S.G. BOWL IN LONG ISLAND CITY. (ABOVE) SHARKEY HAD TROUBLE GETTING UNDER CARNERA'S LEFT. (RIGHT) SHARKEY IN DOWN. A NEW CHAMPION WAS CROWNED AT 2:27 OF THE SIXTH ROUND.



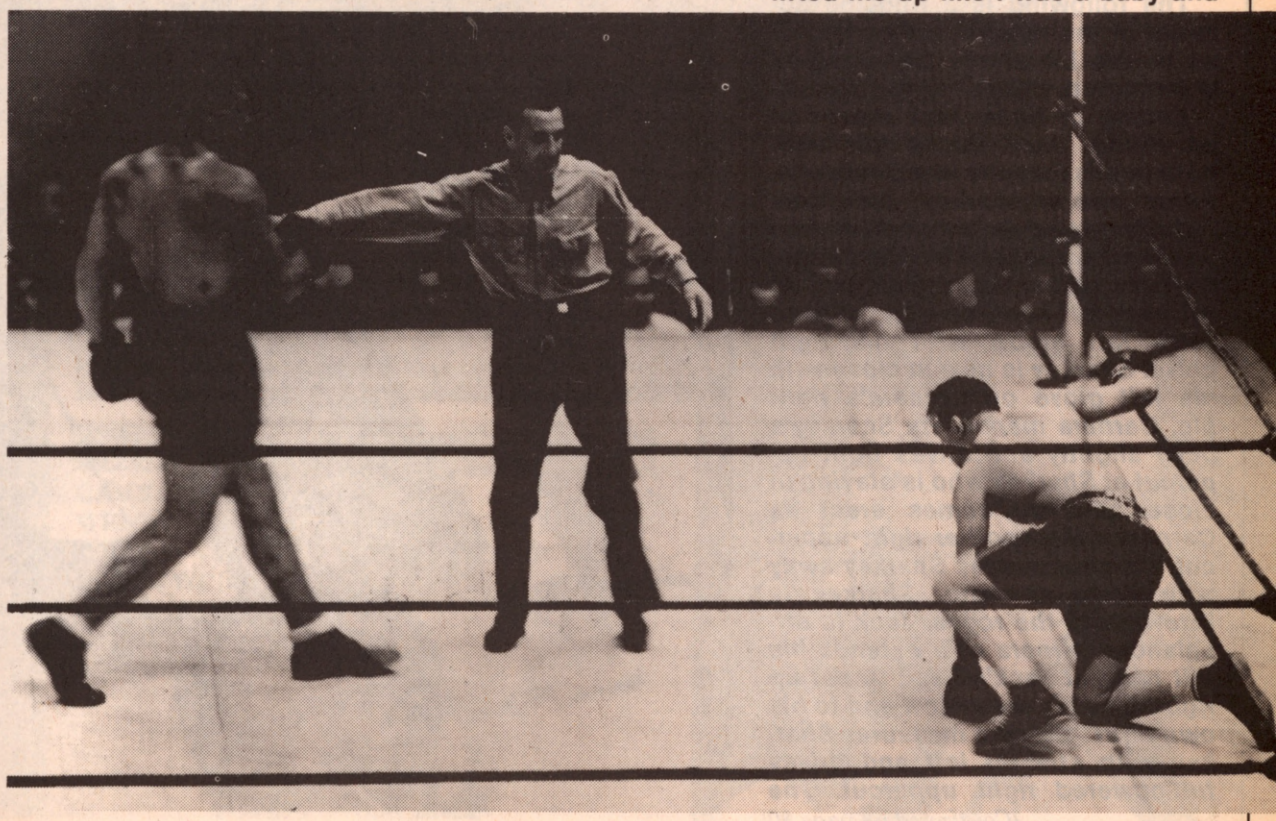
I recall that we changed the subject for a while and Sharkey talked about how many bookings he had to demonstrate his ability with a rod and reel. Then, from nowhere, he demanded, "Do you think I threw that lousy fight?"

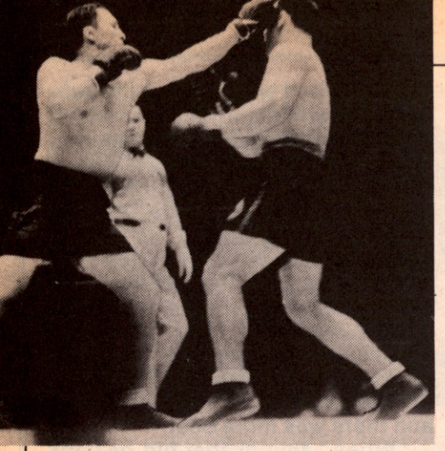
"Hell, Jack, I didn't see the fight." I told him. "I didn't even see the movies of the fight. I only know what I read. But after talking to you, I've got to doubt it."

"You'd better doubt it," he said. We called for Ziggy, the bartender, and there was more beer.

"When I fought that big bastard the second time I thought all I had to do was to outbox him, make him look like an ape and win easy. All of a sudden he had these arms that were like tree limbs and he pushed them out in front of me and I couldn't get inside.

"What people don't realize is that Carnera had a stiff jab. Stiff? It was hard, and it made you blink. Maybe he didn't have much else, but that jab could make you cautious. And then, a couple of times he caught me with a right uppercut, and *that* was a hell of a punch. And his strength! I grabbed him in one of the early rounds and he lifted me up like I was a baby and





dropped me in a corner and gave me a shot with that uppercut.

"I guess I lost my confidence, maybe about the fourth round. All of a sudden I could see (Ernie) Schaaf in front of me and I seemed to get cold. (Four months earlier, Schaaf had died after being knocked out by Carnera in 13 rounds.) In the sixth, there was Schaaf in front of me again and then I remember being belted, going up in the air and coming down on the canvas. Maybe I don't remember being on the canvas, but that's where I was when I realized I wasn't champion any more.

The following is a ringside account of the final round as recorded in the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.:

Ending of fight: Jack moves in on Primo. Jack ducks low with both hands (exactly like Dempsey). Primo jabs at Sharkey. Jack fires right hand and falls in off-balance on follow-through of his right hand. Carnera grabs Jack behind head with his left hand and grabs Sharkey's left elbow with his right glove. Sharkey is now in close with his left glove on Carnera's right hip. Carnera maneuvers Sharkey's body slightly and drives right uppercut at Sharkey who is staying in close. Sharkey comes erect as Carnera tries another right uppercut. Carnera pushes Sharkey away with great strength. Sharkey is thrown into the ropes. Jack is off-balance. Carnera now extends his left hand at Jack's head to set up right. Sharkey ducks low and to his own right. Carnera measures Sharkey with straight left and drives full-powered right uppercut. The

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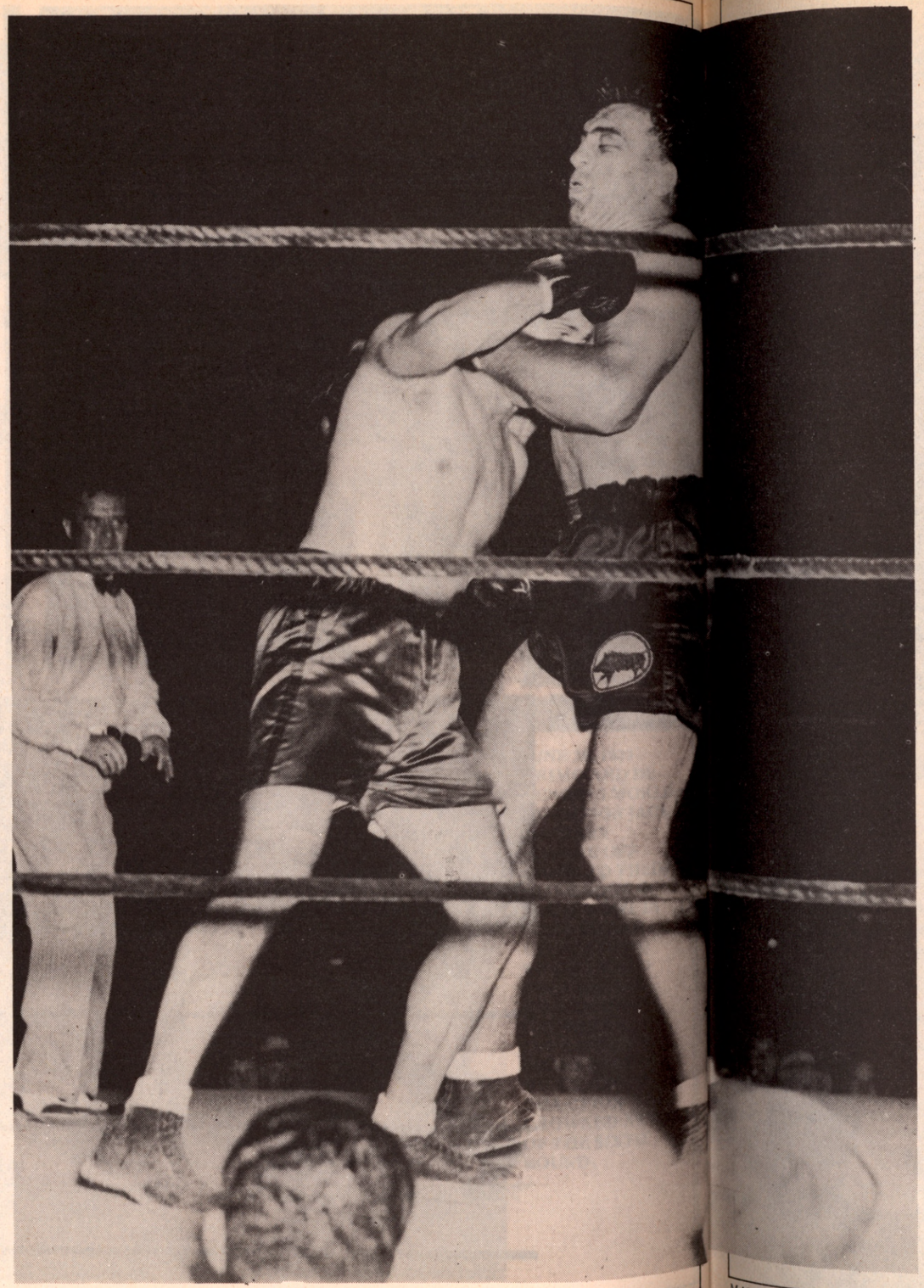
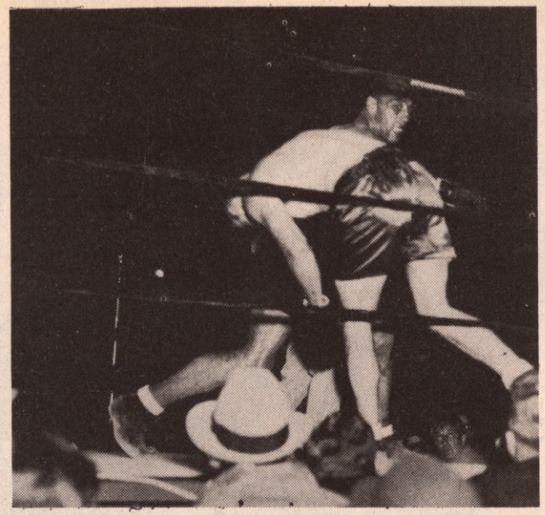
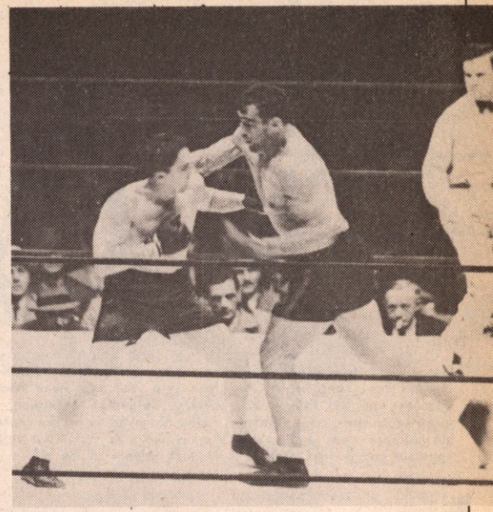
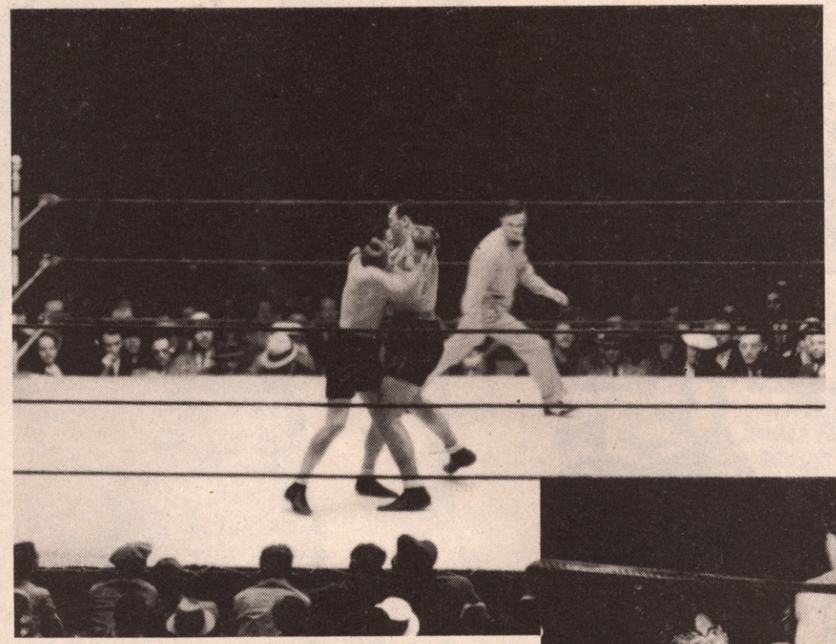
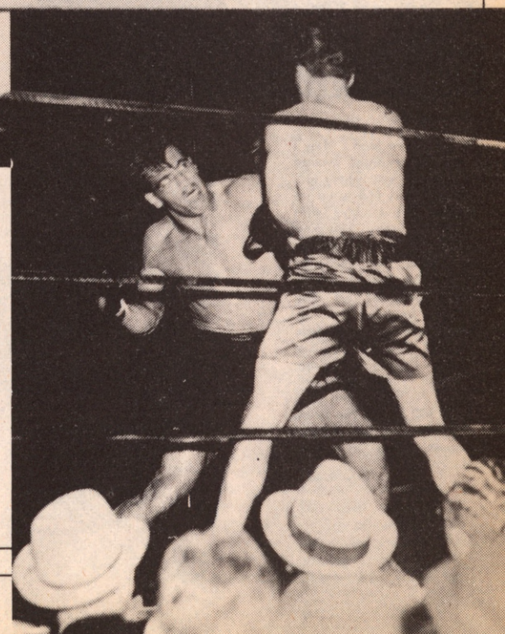






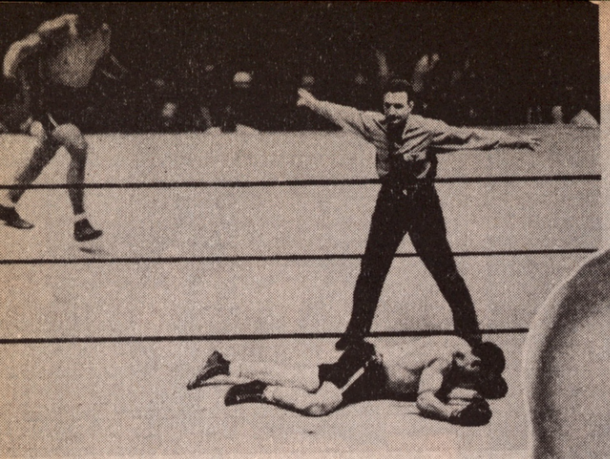


CARNERA UTILIZES HIS 86-POUND WEIGHT ADVANTAGE TO RETAIN HIS WORLD TITLE AGAINST FORMER LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION TOMMY LOUGHRAN.



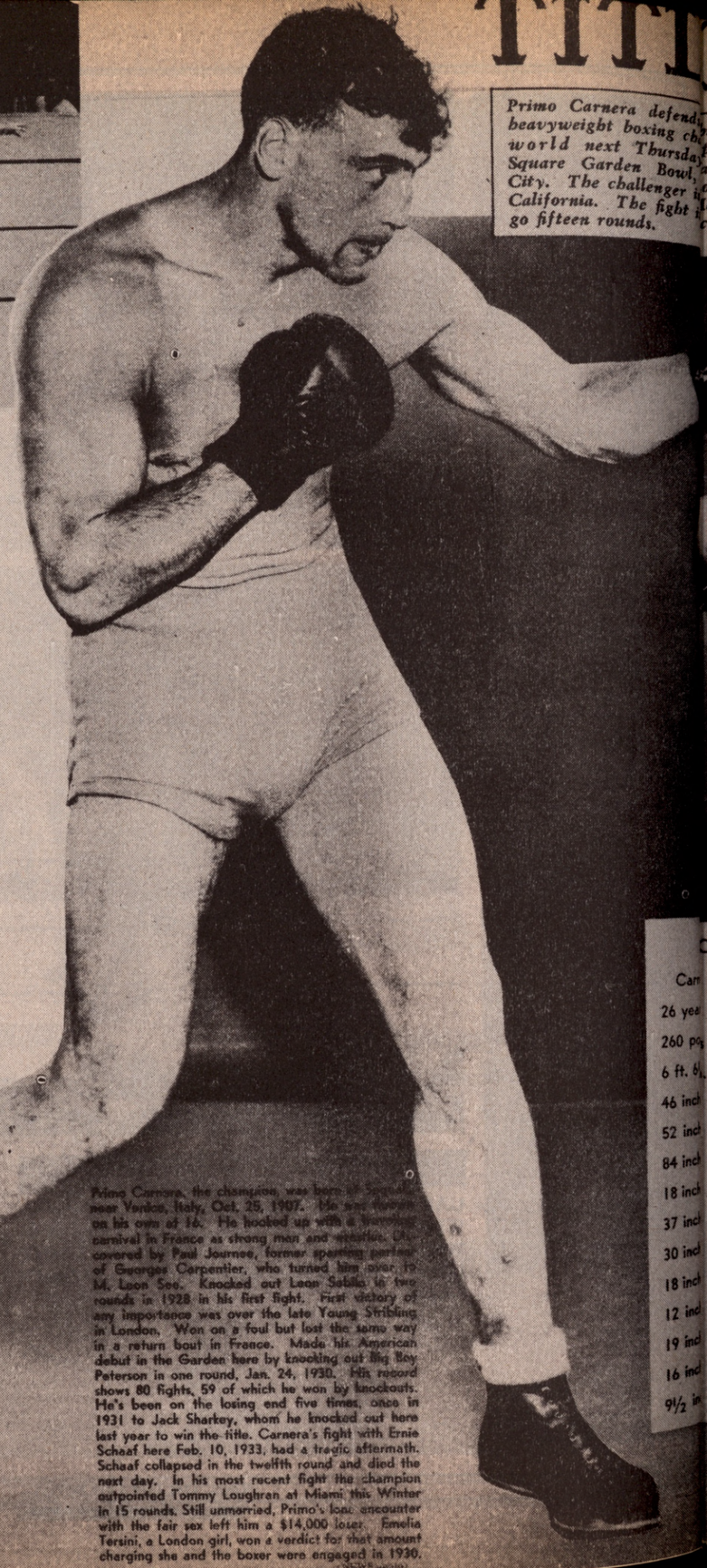
TITLE at STAKE

Primo Carnera defends his title of heavyweight boxing champion of the world next Thursday at Madison Square Garden Bowl, Long Island City. The challenger is Max Baer of California. The fight is scheduled to go fifteen rounds.

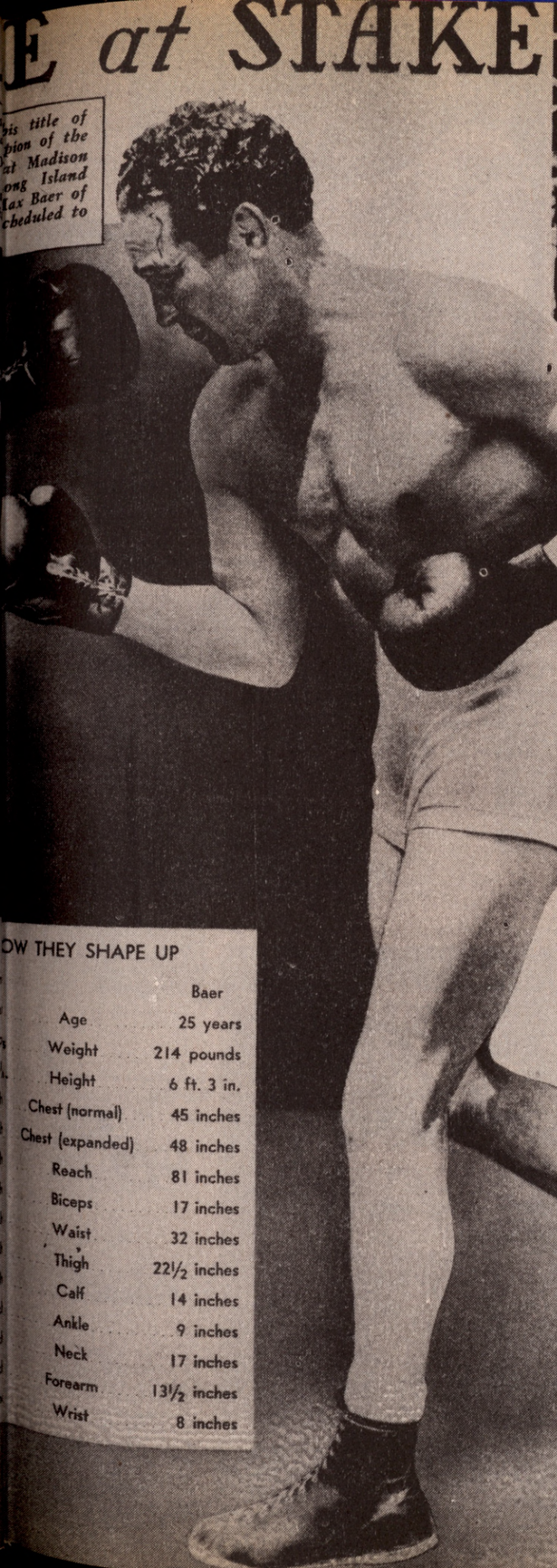


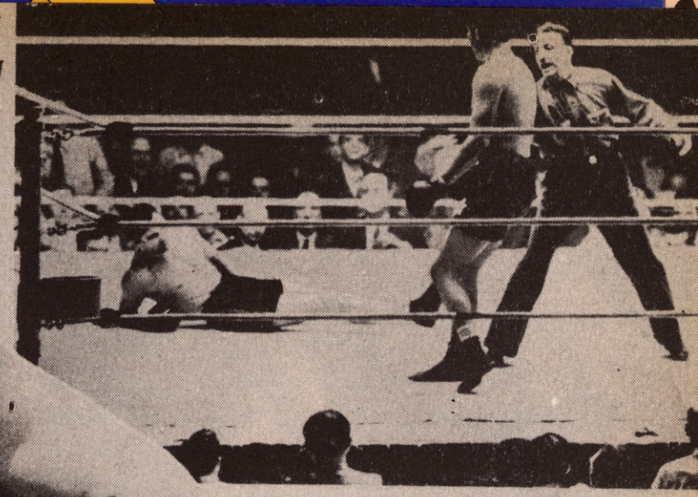
Carnera the champion! Here's the scene in the sixth round in the Garden Bowl, Long Island City, June 29 a year ago, when Primo Carnera won the title. Jack Sharkey, defending champion, is sprawled on the canvas. Referee Arthur Donovan waves the charging Carnera away and counts Sharkey out. A murderous right uppercut had floored Sharkey in his first defense of the title. (By Acme)

In his native land. Italy's first heavyweight boxing champion was wildly acclaimed last Fall when he visited the country with his new laurels. Stepping from a plane as he arrives in Rome, the champion gives the Fascist salute. High spots of his stay abroad included the successful defense of his title against Paolino Uzcudun and audiences with Pope Pius and Premier Mussolini. While 70,000 persons paid $117,500 to see the fight, Carnera got only his expenses — and an Italian decoration (By Associated Press)



Primo Carnera, the champion, was born at Sequals near Venice, Italy, Oct. 25, 1907. He was thrown on his own at 16. He hooked up with a traveling carnival in France as strong man and wrestler. Discovered by Paul Journee, former sparring partner of Georges Carpentier, who turned him over to M. Leon See. Knocked out Leon Sabilo in two rounds in 1928 in his first fight. First victory of any importance was over the late Young Stribling in London. Won on a foul but lost the same way in a return bout in France. Made his American debut in the Garden here by knocking out Big Boy Peterson in one round, Jan. 24, 1930. His record shows 80 fights, 59 of which he won by knockouts. He's been on the losing end five times, once in 1931 to Jack Sharkey, whom he knocked out here last year to win the title. Carnera's fight with Ernie Schaaf here Feb. 10, 1933, had a tragic aftermath. Schaaf collapsed in the twelfth round and died the next day. In his most recent fight the champion outpointed Tommy Loughran at Miami this Winter in 15 rounds. Still unmarried, Primo's lone encounter with the fair sex left him a $14,000 loser. Emelia Tersini, a London girl, won a verdict for that amount charging she and the boxer were engaged in 1930. (NEWS photo)





Baer's big moment. It's the tenth round at the Yankee Stadium, June 8 of last year. The two Maxes, Baer and Schmeling, are battling for a chance to meet Jack Sharkey. Baer has just floored Schmeling. He got to his feet at the count of nine, but after another furious attack by Baer, the latter was awarded the decision on a technical knockout. The referee is Arthur Donovan. (NEWS photo)

Training—a la Baer. This is all in fun, of course, but any time Max can do a good turn for the fair sex, he'll do it. You get the idea, the fair sex is aces up with Max—and vice versa. Here's Mr. Baer of California initiating some members of the aforementioned fair sex in the art of fisticuffs at Coral Gables, Fla. (By Associated Press)

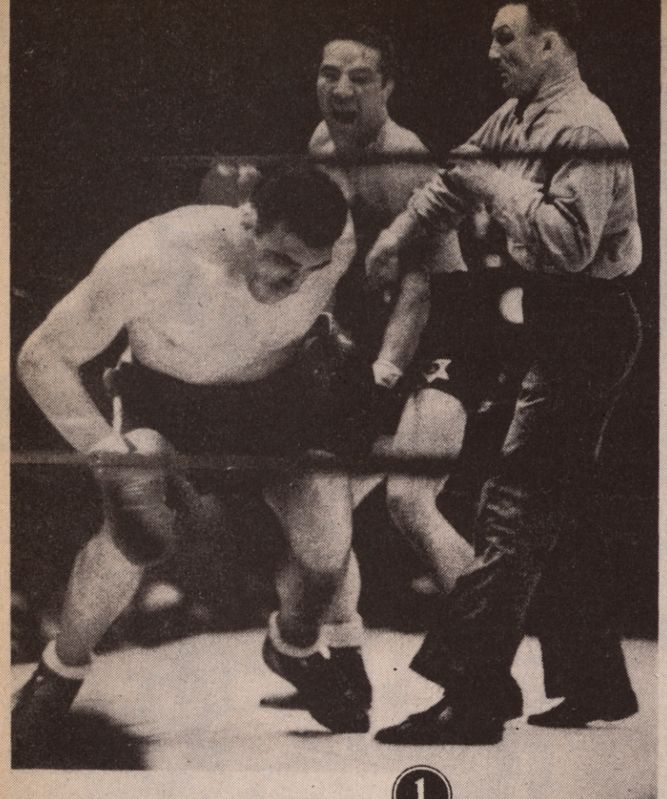
OW THEY SHAPE UP

Car		Baer
26 yea	Age	25 years
260 po	Weight	214 pounds
6 ft. 6	Height	6 ft. 3 in.
46 inch	Chest (normal)	45 inches
52 inch	Chest (expanded)	48 inches
84 inch	Reach	81 inches
18 inch	Biceps	17 inches
37 inch	Waist	32 inches
30 inch	Thigh	22½ inches
18 inch	Calf	14 inches
12 inch	Ankle	9 inches
19 inch	Neck	17 inches
16 inch	Forearm	13½ inches
9½ in	Wrist	8 inches

Max Baer, the challenger, was born in Omaha, Neb., Feb. 11, 1909. His father, Jacob Baer, was a cattle dealer. When Max Adelbert, as he was christened, was 9, the family settled in Livermore, Cal. Max quit high school after one year to help around the ranch. Took his first swing at an opponent when he was 20. Cowpuncher who spoke out of turn about Max and his girl friend was the recipient. Four months later Max knocked out Chief Caribou in his first fight in a ring. His record shows 46 fights in four years, with no defeats chalked up against him since 1931, when he dropped a 12-round decision to Paolino Uzcudun at Reno. Tragedy marked one of his early fights, too. Frankie Campbell died in San Francisco following his fight with Baer in 1930. Baer was last seen in action June 8, 1933, when he knocked out Max Schmeling in the tenth round at the Yankee Stadium, the first time that feat had been accomplished in this country. Since Max's marriage to Dorothy Dunbar was ended by a Mexican divorce in 1932, women have kept popping into his life. Olive Beck, the home town girl from Livermore, sued him for $250,000 for breach of promise. Case was settled last year. Then the names of June Knight and Mrs. Edna Dunham (now Mrs. Phil Plant) were coupled with Max's followed by denials all around. So far this year only Bee Starr, circus aerialist, and Shirley LaBelle, showgirl, have sued him, claiming he loved them and left them. Max claims to be of Jewish descent. His enemies declare that's just a pose, assumed when Baer first came to New York and with the object of

BAER WINS TITLE

These action pictures show how the world heavyweight championship came back to America when Max Baer of California battered Italian Primo Carnera into a helpless hulk at Madison Square Garden Bowl, Long Island City. Encircled numbers indicate round in which action in adjoining pictures took place.



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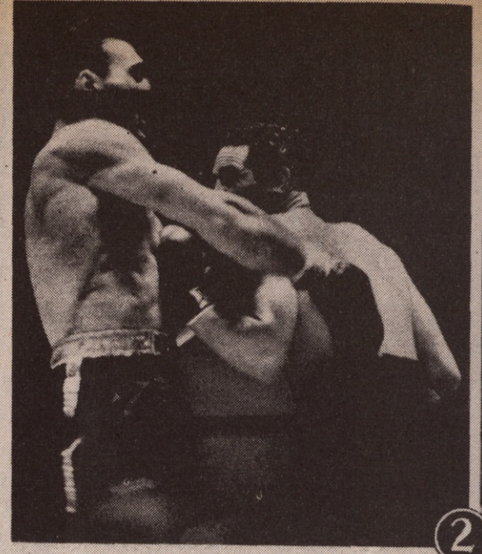
Maxie's indulgent smile quickly turned into a snarl in the first round as his devastating fists battered Carnera to the canvas. Primo is half-way down in the first of his many trips to the floor. (NEWS photo)



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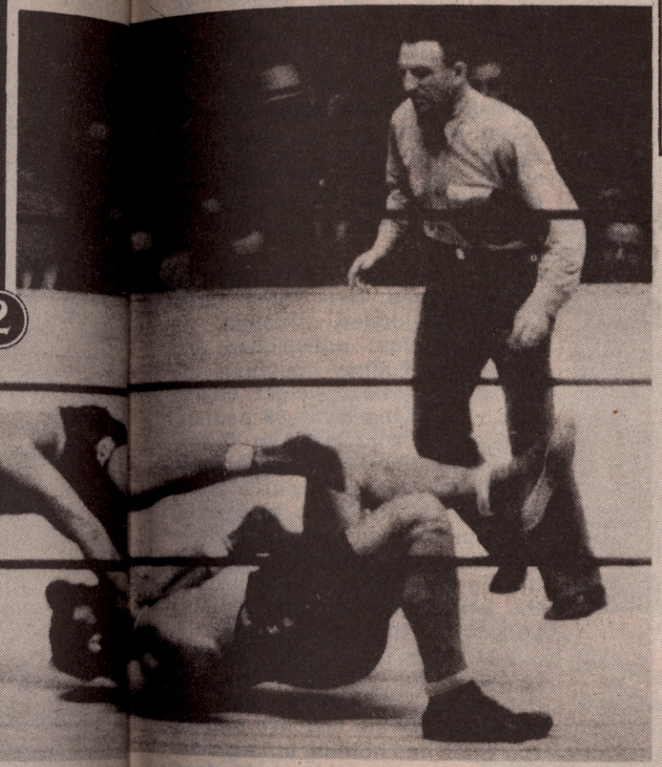
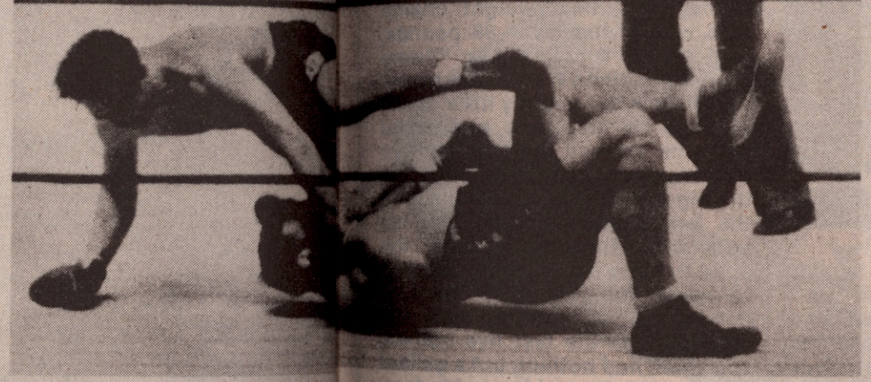
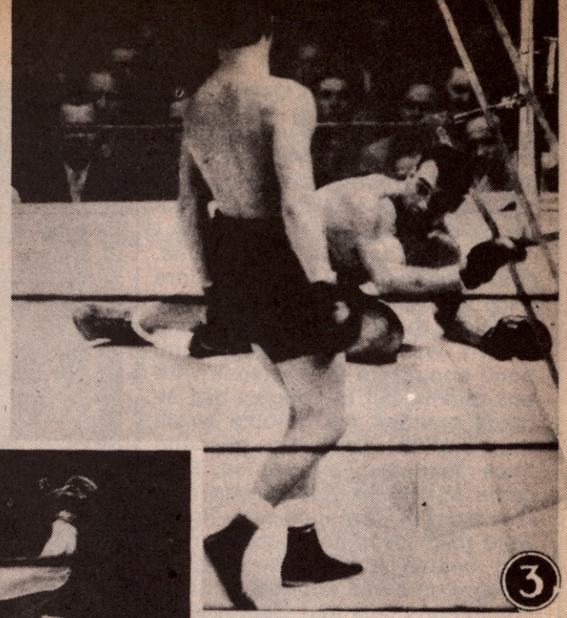
Above, Baer, his brow wrinkled with effort, sends a jarring left into the big boy's body. Carnera was cautious and timid, and clung to his smaller adversary at every opportunity. The bout took on the aspect of a wrestling match as (right) 473 pounds of fighting men crashed to the floor. Three times in this round, the second, Baer sent the man mountain to the canvas, and each time Primo's clutch on Max brought Baer down with him. That's Baer on top. (NEWS photos)







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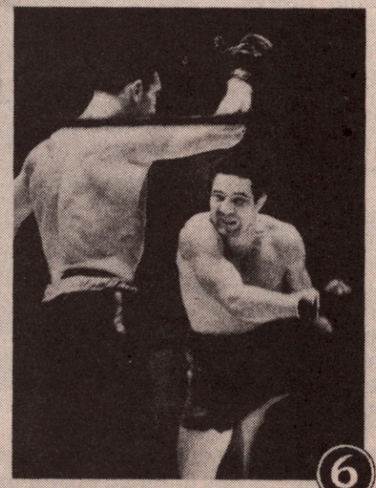
Primo went almost through the entire third round without being dropped. Near the bell, however, a looping right caught him. He slipped and crashed again. He's hanging on ropes trying to gather his wits.



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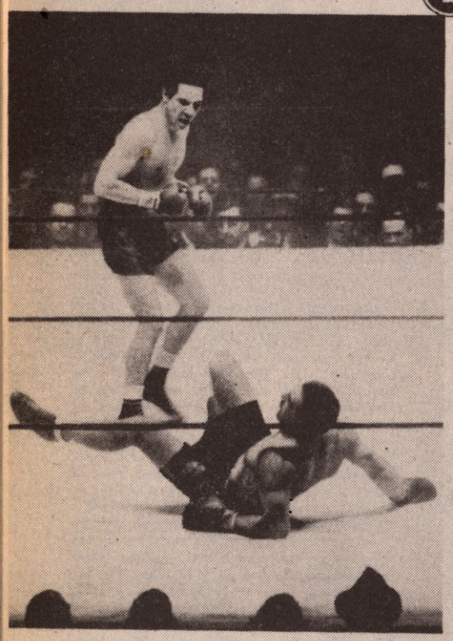
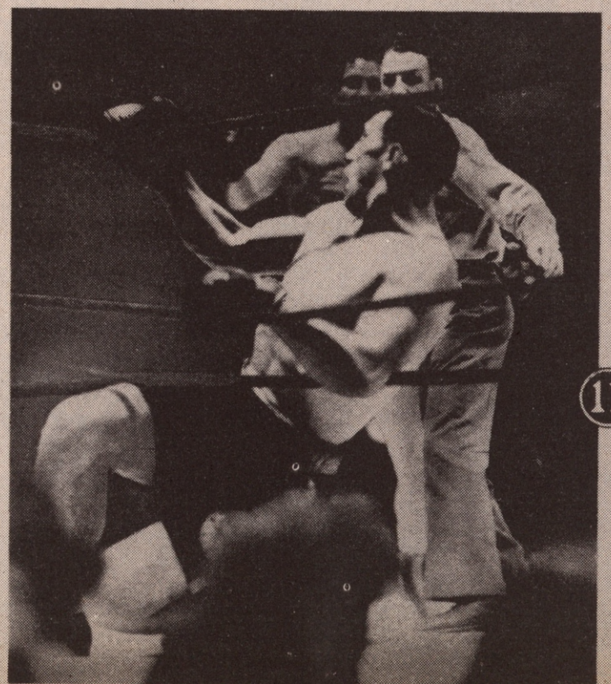
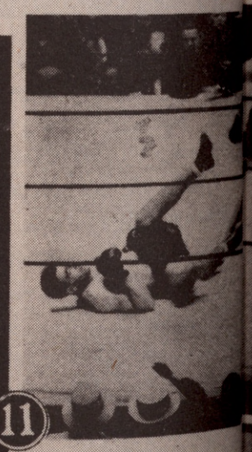
In for the kill in the sixth! Baer, his face distorted with effort, swings a vicious right that misses Carnera's body. Da Preem has brought his own right up to ward off the punch. Primo took a hard battering in this section, but was not felled. (NEWS photo)



Down again in the first round. For the second time, Primo's ponderous hulk drops. A terrible right jolt to the jaw did the trick. Dazed and startled, Da Preem didn't wait for a count, but bounded to his feet, only to be met with a volley of crackling rights and lefts. Three times he was knocked off his feet in the opening round . . . a most disheartening reception for a champion! (NEWS photo)





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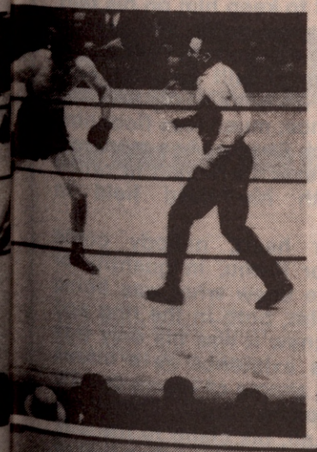
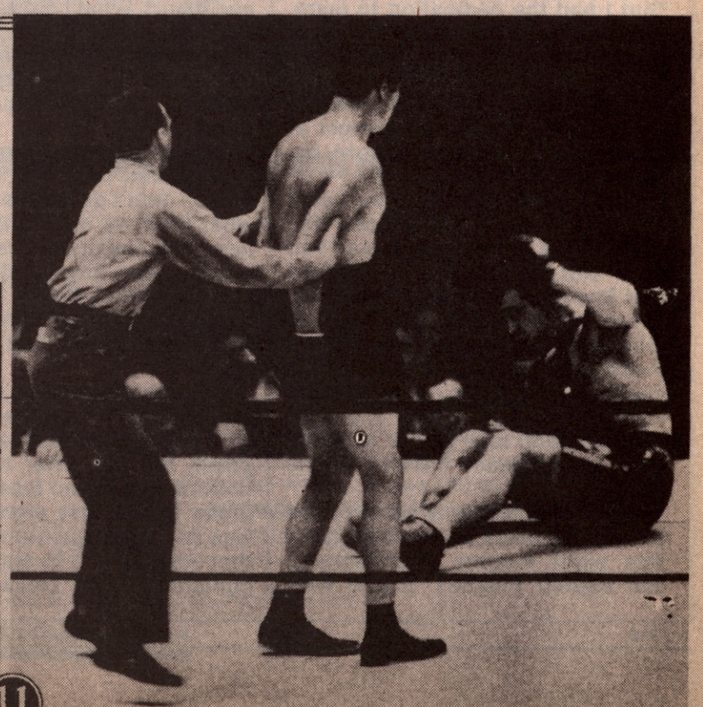
The end is near! At left, Primo hangs groggily onto the ropes in eleventh round. Above, after he had risen, Baer shot a terrific left, then a right to the chin, and Da Preem toppled again. At right, a fraction of a second later, Baer walks to a neutral corner as Carnera writhes on canvas. (NEWS photo)



That's enough! At right, Referee Arthur Donovan grabs Baer's arms in eleventh round. Primo, battered and bruised into a state of helplessness, sits dizzily on canvas. When the giant champ . . . who was to be ex-champ in a moment . . . rose, Donovan guided him to his corner, awarding fight to Baer. A new king was crowned! (NEWS photo)



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punch lifts Jack up completely from a crouch to an upright position with his head flying back. As Jack falls, Primo sticks a left hand to Sharkey's head. Jack falls on his face. Really Out. He was really hit.

"Shame. That's all I felt. Shame. I had never been hit like that before and I felt that way a long time until I realized that the guy I was calling 'clown' was a hard heavyweight, good enough to beat anyone with one punch. But the papers had already branded me. People wrote that 'the fix' was in. The guy who once managed him (Leon See) came out in the papers and said that most of Carnera's early fights were paid for in advance. Carnera had beaten (Young) Stribling in London on a foul and lost to Stribling in Paris on a foul. Supposedly, it was in the script."

Indeed, Carnera's early fights had been choreographed. Carnera, a circus strongman and sometimes wrestler, looked like a vaudevillian in those early days when See started shaping him into a fighter. When Carnera threw a right hand in those days he would bring back his right foot and virtually kick himself in the pants when he delivered—more accurately, tried to deliver—his right.

"I would hear the people laugh," Carnera would write years later, "but I had the dedication to learn. Monsieur See told me if I learned to fight right I would never again be hungry. I had been hungry most of my life. I left home when I was 13 because there was only hunger at home. I would learn to fight because I had to eat."

Carnera admitted in later years that he eventually understood that many of his early fights were "setups." But, he said, he understood that See did this to give him confidence while he was learning the rudiments of boxing. He learned those rudiments well enough to disillusion Sharkey who would fight only 7 times after his bout with Carnera, losing four of them. The shame had destroyed the fighter.

Even Max Baer, who dropped Carnera 10 times before taking the title eight months after Carnera had beaten Sharkey, would later

admit that Carnera was a dangerous opponent.

"I had to watch out for that jab of his," Baer said. "It was quicker that people think. I was damned quick and it hurt. What I did was feint him throwing that jab and then get inside. Inside I could do anything. All he could do was grab. If he grabbed you you couldn't do a thing. So you hit him as often as you could before he grabbed you."

It worked for Baer. Those "tree limbs" didn't deter Baer. He solved what Sharkey couldn't. "But what heart that Italian had" said Baer. "I knocked him down and he'd get up and I couldn't figure out how he could get up. I hit him with rights that should have killed him. He got up."

Carnera's heart was as big as the rest of him. He won the ninth round with the only weapon left at his disposal, his jab, after having been floored by Baer no less than seven times in the first eight rounds. It was this same quantum of courage that enabled him to stand up to the punishment Joe Louis dished out with every shot some two years later.

But heart simply wasn't enough. This goliath of a man,—a curio piece in boxing and in a society starved for bigger-than-life attractions during the Depression, when people fed their hollow bellies with hope and escape more than food,—would perform his function, that of being a sideshow attraction. When columnist Bugs Baer was asked if Carnera was really as big as he was ballyhooed to be, he responded, "Why, he's so big he uses coat buttons on his fly." Now, that's big!

His ability to fight was constantly disparaged. Dan Parker, after Carnera plodded through 15 rounds against outweighed and outgunned Tommy Loughran, the former light heavyweight champ who was giving away 86 pounds, said of the Ambling Alp: "Primo Carnera retained the world's heavyweight title but mightly little of any prestige he may have possessed when he entered the ring. If there was any doubt about Carnera being the biggest bum who ever usurped the heavyweight throne after his miserable showing against the aged Paulino last October, his performance tonight, under the sodden skies of Florida, was the clincher. For the last five rounds, Loughran had nothing but a gallant Irish heart to keep him on his feet. His legs were putty. His reserve power was exhausted. Yet Carnera hitting him at will couldn't even draw gore from his easily bleeding countenance, much less floor him. Verily, Jack Sharkey has more reason than ever to remain in retirement—with his head held in shame.

But for heart, nobody could equal poor Primo, in quantity or quality. He knew what was being done to him, both in the ring and out, and knew it was his only way out of his existence as a circus freak. The shame of it was that he became boxing's freak. That is unfair. After all, his claim to the title was a lot less specious than that of other men who have happened into the heavyweight championship, including Leon Spinks. And his contributions to the understanding of man were much more. ■

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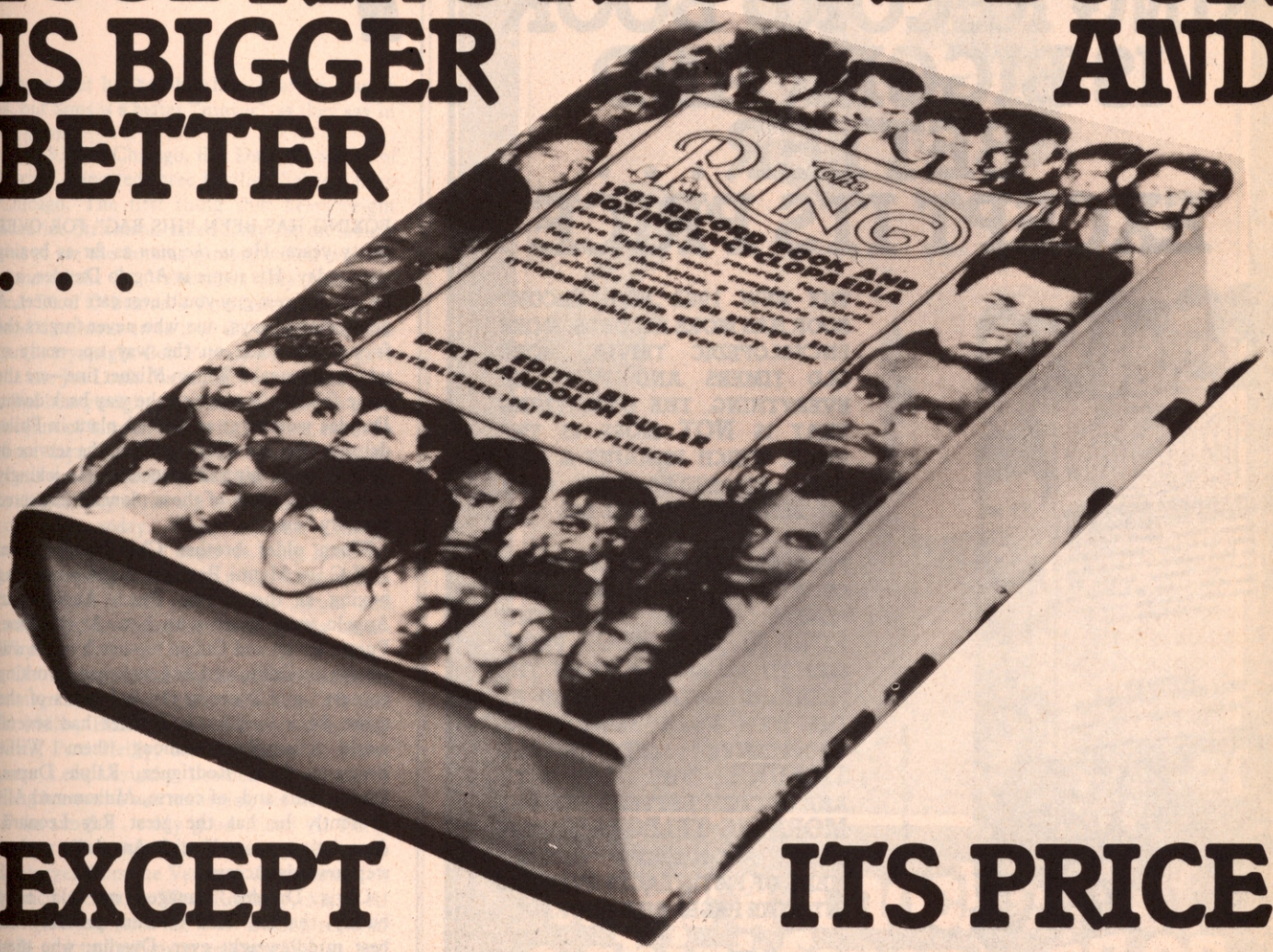

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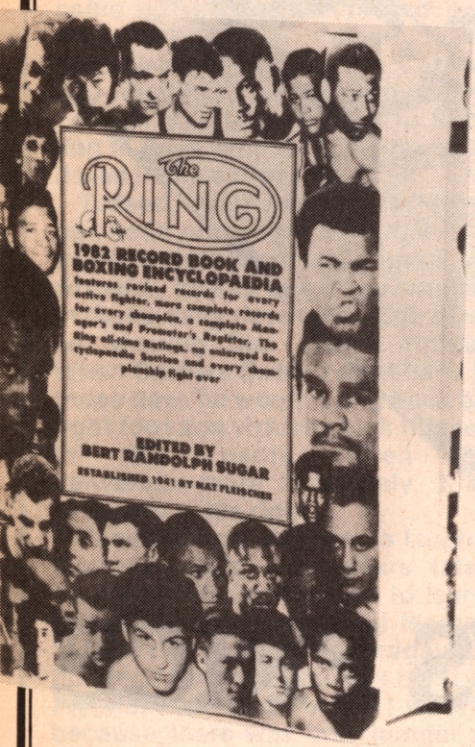

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INSIDE BOXING

BOXING HAS BEEN "HIS BAG" FOR OVER thirty years. He is *the man* as far as boxing goes today. His name is Angelo Dundee, and he is the nicest guy you'd ever care to meet. A gentleman always, one who never forgets the friends he made on the way up, many of whom—to steal a Wilson Mizner line—are the same folks he'll meet on the way back down. Dundee worked at an aircraft plant in Philadelphia after his discharge from the service in WW II as an aircraft inspector. He jokingly said, "Hey, some of those planes I inspected actually flew. . . ."

When older brother Chris moved from N.Y.C. to Miami Beach to begin promoting boxing at the Miami Beach Auditorium, Angelo went south with him. At the time, Puerto Rican and Cuban top-notch talent was always available, and Angelo began "working corners" and learning the rudiments of the game for a livelihood. Dundee had several world champions, among them Willie Pastrano, Luis Rodriguez, Ralph Dupas, Jimmy Ellis and, of course, Muhammad Ali. Presently he has the great Ray Leonard. Associating yourself with Angelo is a giant step towards success.

Chris Dundee managed my old navy buddy, the late Ken Overlin, probably the best middleweight ever. Overlin, who died broke in Reno, Nevada, in July of 1969 at the age of 59, went to the post 147 times and lost just 13 fights. He beat Ezzard Charles, Lloyd Marshall, as well as many other "names," all heavier than he was. Overlin's ring record in *The Ring Record Book* looks like a "Boxing Hall of Fame" in and of itself. He met and beat the very best in the business and during his day they were all good ones, not like today. A great middleweight champion indeed.

Lots of knowledgeable fight people figure that even though Robbie Sims lost to Bobby Czyz at Atlantic City, Sims will emerge the better fighter in the long run. They might just be correct. Czyz is too easy to hit, or as they say in the trade "the guy fights with his face," which is not good. Sims is a talented lad and if he listens to his handler, Goody Petronelli, will turn out alright. He is not the

banger that his half-brother, Marvin Hagler is, but Sims is a better "mover" as they say in the game.

In 1936, in Chicago, Bill Daly the squire of boxing, imported three English fighters in to Chicago. The first thing that heavyweight Maurice Strickland asked Daly for on arrival was to see the famous garage, which was the scene of the St. Valentine's Day Massacre, and Dion O'Banion's floral shoppe! Strickland then went on to lose the duke to American heavyweight Bob Pastor, who twice gave the late Joe Louis fits in foot races. Pastor was a fine heavyweight and Strickland gave a good account of himself in his fights over here. In those days, the money was "short" and the talent was outstanding, and any of the top ten could beat any of the top ten masquerading as contenders today. While on the Chicago scene, Ernie Terrell deserves a big hand for making boxing in Chicago a big thing of late. Now Ernie is left out by Bob Arum and cannot get any talent to use on his cards. Why??

Old heavyweight King Levinsky had more managers than any fighter in boxing. He had Al Miller, Eddie Siegal, Barney Able, Ray Alvis, Pere Heilly, brother Harry Krakow, sister, Lena Levinsky. I sometimes wonder if King knew who was managing his affairs half of the time! . . . My good friend Al Lacy, veteran Boston fight trainer, is now discharged from the Veterans Administration Medical Center in West Roxbury, Mass. Al went overseas with the U.S. Boxing team in 1924 and trained many top-notchers in and around New England. His last champion was Paul Pender, who beat Sugar Ray Robinson twice for the middleweight title. Get well Al, you are the greatest. . . .

Joan Antuofermo, wife of former middleweight king, Vito, is happy he retired from boxing. But she did say she will miss the excitement. She started going out with Vito when she was 14—"I never had another boyfriend"—and he was just a 16-year old amateur fighter. The only time she was a little worried was when Vito was fighting tough Eugene "Cyclone" Hart, a hard-hitting Philadelphia contender four years ago. "I think that's why I had the baby that night, two weeks early." Happy retirement Vito Antuofermo, you have been a credit to the game . . .

See you next month, keep punching!

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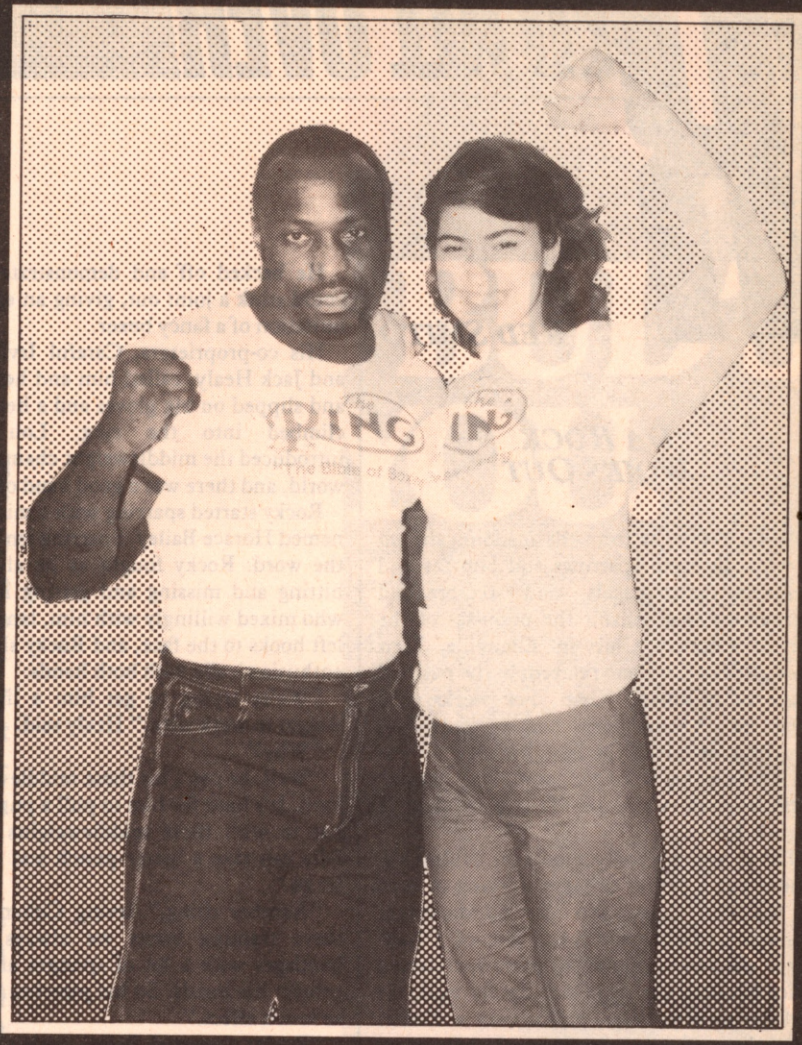

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He backed off and demonstrated how he could stink a joint out, giving an exaggerated imitation of a fancy boxer.

His co-proprietors, Careful Irving Cohen and Jack Healy, called him and he went over and slipped on big gloves and a headgear and climbed into the ring. Lou Stillman introduced the middleweight champion of the world, and there was a good hand of applause.

Rocky started sparring with a middleweight named Horace Bailey. Sparring isn't precisely the word. Rocky fought as he always does, hitting and missing and getting hit. Bailey, who mixed willingly with him, landed a lot of left hooks to the face, and Rocky slugged him enthusiastically with both hands.

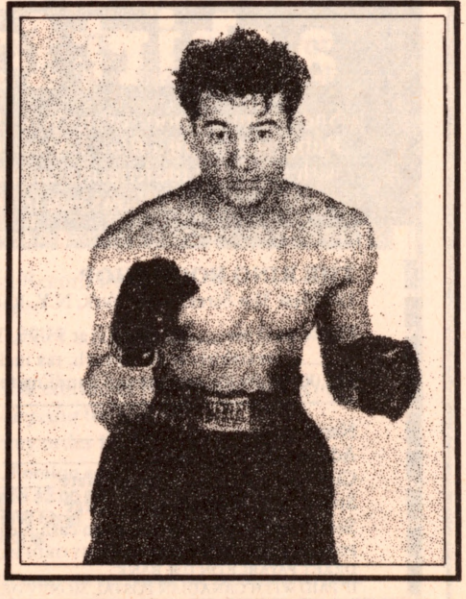
"We're trying to get him a light heavyweight to work with," Healy said.

"Why?"

"Well, he can't hit these middleweights too hard. It's hard for him to pull a punch, but he has to with these middleweights. A bigger fella can take a better punch and Rocky can let go."

"Another thing," Irving Cohen said, "in these training bouts we always stuff his bandages with a lot of sponges and stuff to protect his hands. So his punches don't have so much effect."

"Rocky slammed Bailey with a right that drove him into the ropes. Graziano came rushing in on his man, piling in hungrily to follow up his advantage as he always does in the ring. He landed a couple of good blows, but Bailey fought out of trouble. They slugged each other earnestly through two rounds, and that finished Bailey's work.



A taller middleweight named Al Fisher, a beautifully built boy, got into the ring.

"There's a pretty good fighter," said little Charley Goldman, the trainer. "He belts pretty good."

"He's a little gun-shy, though," a guy said. "He's been up working with Rocky two weeks and he's sore all over."

Fisher proved a fancier boxer than Bailey; he moved around more and kept Graziano at a distance. Rocky seemed to be slowing down a little. He wasn't particularly successful catching Fisher, but he kept coming in, sometimes leaping forward to throw a left, sometimes swinging an overhand right.

"He's feinted!" Goldman said suddenly. "See that? First time I ever seen him feint."

"He's always had a feint," Healy said. "A real good one"

Now and then Rocky caught a left with his right glove, then drove a right to the head inside the left.

"He's learning," Charley said. "See him block a left hook and counter with a right? That's hard to do. He's better right now than he was in the Sonny Horne fight in Washington."

Graziano worked three rounds with Fisher. In the second he landed a right that knocked Fisher's mouthpiece out, and Rocky gestured toward the rubber gimmick, walking away and withholding his fire until it was recovered, washed off, and replaced in Fisher's mouth. Then he flung a right that made a hard, inelastic sound, "Zack!" and the spectators grunted. Fisher's mouthpiece flew out again, but Fisher grabbed with both mitts, caught it, and stuffed it back.

Just at the bell a hard, straight right tipped Fisher a trifle. Rocky dropped his hands, grinned, and fetched his sparmate a friendly kick in the pants. In the third round he hit Fisher in the mouth again, and again Fisher's hands flew up to catch the rubber tooth-guard and stuff it back into his face.

"He looks real good," Goldman said. "What he needs is to defend against a right hand to the belly. Like that punch there. Take that punch away from Zale and he's got nothing, but he murders you with that. Rocky looks real good, though."

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